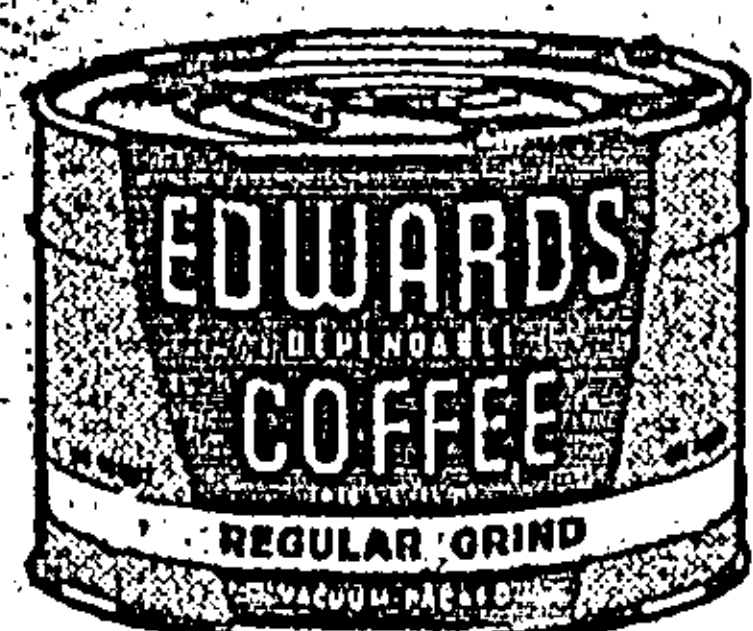




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ANOTHER R.A.F. SWEEP

The boom of heavy explosions rumbled across the English Channel hour after hour in the afternoon and early evening yesterday when the Royal Air Force struck again in northern France.

Yesterday's operations were on a very extensive scale, with attacks on objectives on the French coast and inland.

R.A.F. fighter squadrons carried out the offensive operations, accompanied by Blenheim bombers.

Less opposition was encountered from German fighters.

Eighteen enemy fighters are so far reported to have been destroyed as against two British fighters missing.—Reuter.

JAPANESE TROOP TRANSPORTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The London "Daily Telegraph" carries a report that a ship near Shanghai sighted forty-eight Japanese troop transports and accompanying destroyers moving south in the direction of Hainan.—International News Service.

Conflicting News On Fighting

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ALL RUSSIA TO-DAY RINGS TO THE TREAD OF MARCHING TROOPS AND RUMBLES TO THE MOVEMENT OF HUNDREDS OF TANKS, ARMoured VEHICLES AND MECHANISED SUPPLY UNITS, AS HEAVY UNITS MOVE STEADILY TO THE FRONT FROM MOSCOW.

There seems to be no doubt that the German invasion, despite the events of the previous week, still came as almost a complete surprise, really catching the Soviet on the western front only partially prepared.

GERMAN ACTIVITY IN NORWAY

The Norwegian Telegraph Agency reports a sudden increase of German activity along the south-west coasts of Norway, and that large-scale evacuations of Norwegians have been ordered immediately.—Reuter.

The situation is now, however, being swiftly rectified and impressive masses of men and material are now moving forward, the general mobilisation order working smoothly.

Notable feature of the material passing through Moscow is that hundreds of anti-aircraft batteries are included.

As to the actual fighting, while there seems to be no doubt that there have been violent clashes at several points, it is impossible to cross-check the conflicting Moscow and Berlin reports on the progress of the battle.

The Moscow communique claims that the panzer divisions have been held at bay at every vital point, although admitting that ground has been conceded in Lithuania, Russian Poland and Bessarabia.

German Claims

The Germans, however, insist that the Nazi troops are ploughing deep into Russia all along the 2000 miles front which 2,500,000 Russian troops are defending.

Apparently, the German offensive is taking the form of a four-pronged thrust, down from Finland towards Leningrad, east from East Prussia into Lithuania, across Poland, and north-east from Rumania.

Time Table Advance

The Supreme Command claims that on the second day of the invasion, the German armies are advancing precisely to their timetable schedule, meeting with no serious resistance.

UNOFFICIALLY, HOWEVER, IT IS REPORTED EVEN IN BERLIN THAT SHARP OPPOSITION HAS BEEN MET FROM SOVIET ARTILLERY AND INFANTRY ON SOME FRONTS, AND ESPECIALLY IN RUSSIAN POLAND.

War correspondents indicate that the main German land

MOSCOW IN HIGH SPIRITS

Flushed by the first war communique issued by the Soviet High Command, declaring that the maximum penetration by the enemy was only nine miles, Moscovites went to work yesterday in high spirits.

The effect of the previous night's mobilisation order was seen yesterday when approaches to the main railway stations were crowded with parents and wives seeing off sons and husbands.

Many of these parents are former peasants who found work in the rapidly expanding Moscow and whose sons are now taxi-drivers, machine-gunners and pilots.

Many of these scenes were tearful as the Russians are an emotional people, but there was no doubt of the people's conviction of the strength of the Red army and air force.

NEW OF MR. CHURCHILL'S BROADCAST QUICKLY SPREAD AND HAS DONE MUCH TO PREVENT ANY IMPRESSION THAT THIS IS A GENERAL ASSAULT ON THE COMMUNIST STATE, BUT SIMPLY AN ACTION AGAINST NAZI AGGRESSION.—REUTER.

EXTREME CAUTION THE KEYNOTE IN JAPAN

THE SOVIET-GERMAN war was splashed in all the morning papers and also monopolised all the editorials yesterday in Tokyo. Extreme caution is the keynote and sparse references were made to Japan with a complete absence of speculation regarding the attitude of the Government.

The Japanese High Command had a conference with the key members of the Cabinet yesterday afternoon, and the Press attitude towards the new belligerents seems to be nearly impartial, with speculation on the ultimate outcome left as a big question mark.

The former Ambassador to Tokyo, Mr. Togo, says the capture of Leningrad, Moscow

and the Ukraine will not decide the issue while Col. Akita, former Military Attache in Berlin, on the other hand, predicts in the "Hochi" a German victory by the autumn. He draws a moral from the new war in the following terms: "We have been taught how unreliable international treaties are and all we can depend upon is our own nation."—Reuter.

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Treacherous Attack On Soviet Union Condemned

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS FORMALLY CONDEMNED GERMANY'S "TREACHEROUS ATTACK" ON THE SOVIET UNION. THIS FORMAL DECLARATION OF POLICY WAS READ BY MR. SUMNER WELLES AT A LARGE PRESS CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON.

The Under-Secretary of State declared that the immediate issue before the American people was whether Hitler's plan for universal conquest was to be successfully halted and defeated.

He declared that as no communication has yet been received from Russia, the question of granting aid to the Soviet Union under the Lease and Lend Act had not been decided by the United States Government.

Mr. Sumner Welles observed, however, that the Lease and Lend Act authorised President Roosevelt to furnish aid to any country resisting aggression, and added grimly that the United States can "see once more beyond doubt with what intent the present government in Germany negotiates non-aggression acts."

THE ATTACK ON RUSSIA CONSTITUTES A "DIRE WARNING BY GERMANY OF THE HOSTILE, MURDEROUS INTENT BEHIND SUCH ASSURANCES."

Mr. Sumner Welles revealed that the Russian Ambassador, M. Oumansky, had conferred with the United States Government about unfreezing Soviet assets, but the Under Secretary indicated that no decision had yet been reached.

Dangers To America

"Hitler's armies are to-day the chief dangers of the Americas," declared Mr. Welles, who continued that "in the opinion of this Government, consequently, any defence against Hitlerism, and any rallying of forces opposing Hitlerism, from whatever sources these forces may spring, will eventuate in the downfall of the present German government and will, therefore, redound to the benefit of our own defence and security."

"No further proof could conceivably be required of the real purpose and projects of the present leaders of Germany for world domination."

It is now furnished by Hitler's treacherous attack upon Soviet Russia.—Reuter.

Symbol Of Deceit

"The leaders of the German Reich sworn engagements to refrain from hostile acts against other countries are but a symbol of deceit. To the present German government, the meaning of the word 'honour' is not known."

Declaring that both the Nazi and Soviet governments denied their peoples religious freedom, Mr. Sumner Welles continued,

"To the people of the United States this and other principles and doctrines of Communistic dictatorship are as intolerable and as alien to their own beliefs as are the principles and doctrines of Nazi dictatorship."

"Neither kind of imposed overlordship can or will have any support or any sway in the mode of life or in the system of government of the American people, but the immediate issue that presents itself to the people of the United States, is whether this plan of universal conquest for the cruel enslavement of all peoples and for the ultimate destruction of the remaining free democracies which Hitlerism is now desperately trying to carry out, is to be successfully halted and defeated."

"THAT IS THE PRESENT ISSUE WHICH FACES A REALISTIC AMERICA. IT IS THE ISSUE AT THIS MOMENT WHICH MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVES OUR OWN NATIONAL DEFENCE AND SECURITY OF THE NEW WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE."—REUTER.

A.T.S. GIVE WEEK'S WAGE FOR CAP

A.T.S. girls earning the lowest pay—1s. 8d. a day—think the new walking out cap is well worth 9s. 2d.

The caps, which have regimental colours, are proving so popular that some shops have been reduced to booking orders while they wait for new stock.

Prices vary. One store sells the caps at 9s. 2d., another at 10s. 6d., while another sells a rank and file cap with badge for 10s. and an officer's cap for 39s. 6d.

A West End store selling an officer's cap at £2 3s. 2d. (7s. 8d. of which is purchase tax) told the "Daily Mirror" that many rankers are willing to pay that price for the sake of better material and modelling.

Halifax At White House

Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to Washington, conferred with President Roosevelt at the White House yesterday.

Their talk was part of the series of conferences which President Roosevelt is holding with State Department and British officials to analyse how the latest war developments will affect the United States.

There is no indication whether the President has reached any conclusion or decisions.

He had a telephonic conversation with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, who is at present kept away from his office by a slight illness.

Afterwards, President Roosevelt had two telephone talks with Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, who later visited the White House personally.—Reuter.

PRISONERS REACH S. AFRICA

A REPORT FROM DURBAN STATES THAT 1,000 ITALIAN PRISONERS FROM NORTH AFRICA WERE LANDED AT A SOUTH AFRICAN PORT RECENTLY, BRINGING THE NUMBER NOW IN SOUTH AFRICA TO OVER 20,000.

It is also stated that 62 officers and men of the German raider recently sunk in the Indian Ocean by the cruiser, H.M.S. Cornwall, have also been landed. These are the first German prisoners to be interned in South Africa.—Reuter.

FINLAND CALM

FINLAND IS CALM, SAYS HELSINKI'S CORRESPONDENTS OF SWEDISH NEWSPAPERS, ACCORDING TO MESSAGES RECEIVED BY STOCKHOLM YESTERDAY.

The correspondent of the "Allehanda" describes the smoothness of the evacuation of women and children from the Finnish capital where there is still no black-out ordered.—Reuter.

GERMAN RAID ON ALEXANDRIA

Twenty persons were killed and 60 injured in an air raid on Alexandria early yesterday morning states a Ministry of Interior communique issued in Alexandria yesterday. Some damage was done.—Reuter.

FINLAND PREPARES FOR RAIDS

Helsinki Radio reported yesterday that the Finnish High Command has ordered protective measures to be taken in all towns and densely populated areas against air raids.

More than 1,000 Finnish children have arrived in Sweden.

An air alarm was sounded in Southern Finland on Sunday night.

A Finnish trawler moving out of Petsamo Fjord was stated to have been fired on by a Russian shore battery.

The Finnish Foreign Affairs Ministry has presented an oral protest to the Soviet Minister about the bombing of Finnish objectives by Soviet planes.—Reuter.

"SICK," DODGE EVACUEES

"When certain people know evacuated children are coming into the town they fly to the doctors and get a medical certificate to say they are not fit to take them," said Mr. F. J. Saunders, evacuation officer, at Ilfracombe.

He told the magistrates there that he was unable to accept a medical certificate concerning a woman who refused to take two boy evacuees, stating that he was inundated with them.

The woman, Mrs. Annie Clements, of St. Brannocks Park, Ilfracombe, fined £15, was given five days' warning that the boys would be arriving.

She said she was suffering from heart trouble, but it was stated that she was looking after three men members of her household.

MADRID APPROVES TREACHERY

Senor Sandoval, Spanish Foreign Office spokesman, made the first official Spanish comment in Madrid yesterday afternoon on the Russo-German war.

He told a Press Conference: "I can express to you the satisfaction with which the Spanish Government—final interpreter of the feelings of the people—has received the news of the war against Soviet Russia, common enemy of all and against which the war of liberation of Spain was one of the most determined, noble and heroic struggles."

Asked about rumours concerning Spanish volunteers to fight against the U.S.S.R., the spokesman said: "I am not authorised to reply, but I can say that without doubt it is the desire of many thousands of Spaniards."

Diplomatic Talks

The German Ambassador in Madrid, Herr Von Stohrer, on Sunday had a long conference with General Franco after informing Senor Suner, the Spanish Foreign Minister, about Germany's action against Russia.

Yesterday, Senor Suner received the Italian Ambassador and the Japanese Minister, and will see the Turkish Minister to-day.—Reuter.

COCKNEY GRUDGE WAS BAD FOR JERRY

"WE ARE LONDONERS. WITH A GRUDGE," WAS THE EXPLANATION OF A BATTERY OF COCKNEY GUNNERS AFTER THEY BROUGHT DOWN WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS "THREE OF THE BLIGHTERS" IN A RECENT RAID.

"You should have heard the language," said one of them. "Still, the boys worked hard, with no thought of their own danger."

Next morning they were congratulated by their Brigadier "on the wonderful achievement of a 'novice' battery."

TRIBUTE TO MALTA

HIS MAJESTY THE KING HAS PAID A TRIBUTE TO MALTA'S "UNFLINCHING GALLANTRY AND RESOLUTION."

Replying in a telegram to the Governor of Malta's birthday greetings, the Secretary of State for the Colonies says: "His Majesty thanks you for the message and desires me to say that his thoughts are constantly with his loyal subjects in Malta in the severe ordeal which they are facing with such unflinching gallantry and resolution."—Reuter.

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"THE POLISH-RUSSIAN question which might have shadowed the outlook of many friends of ours in the West and caused noxious frictions and clashes, I believe may disappear from international politics."

This statement, as made by the Polish Prime Minister, General Sikorski in a declaration, was approved by the Polish Cabinet.

This followed a meeting of the Polish Cabinet to discuss the German attack upon Russia.

The declaration which was broadcast from London to Poland, also declared that Germany, foremost foe of Poland, "has torn asunder an alliance which so long has been the source of our greatest misfortunes."

"By striking at Russia they are undertaking, at a great risk, a task of which the issue is uncertain and must be weakening."

Polish Interest

After declaring that since the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk in 1918, Russia had continually collaborated with Germany, the declaration continued: "We are entitled to assume that Russia will now cancel the Pact of 1939."

"Thousands of Polish men and women including 300,000 war prisoners are still suffering in Russian prisons."

"Should it not be deemed right and honest to restore these people to their country?"

The declaration stated that the German attack "testifies to far greater German weakness than we had suspected."

This attempt to destroy the military power of the Soviet, in order to avoid a threat to the rear of the German armies when they assault the British Isles, can only mean that the Germans fear that military power.

"Also, the quest at all cost for the raw materials of Russia proves the need of such materials." — Reuter.

B.B.C. CONTESTS RAISE £20,000

B.B.C. RADIO CONTESTS HAVE SO FAR BROUGHT IN MORE THAN £20,000 IN ENTRY FEES—ALL IN 2½d. STAMPS.

Sold back to the Post Office, the money has been handed to the Red Cross.

Now it is hoped to raise a further £30,000.

Prize money in the next contest is to be raised from £100 to £250.

New sound problems—"simpler than ever"—are being evolved. Here's one:

Two pianists will play three duets, one with their ears plugged to exclude all sound. They won't hear a note of each other's playing.

MR. WINANT ACTIVE IN LONDON

Mr. Winant, the American Ambassador to London, called on the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky, yesterday morning, who later in the day had another conference with Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, to discuss the present war situation between Germany and Russia. — Reuter.

PETAIN SUSPECTS DARLAN

Relations between Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan are once more reported to be very strained, says a despatch from the French frontier to the Independent French News Agency in London yesterday.

According to well-informed sources, Marshal Petain has the impression that Admiral Darlan is trying to get rid of him.

He noticed that in several administrative and ministerial offices, Admiral Darlan's photograph replaced his.

Marshal Petain believes that Admiral Darlan is trying to assure himself of the support of ex-Servicemen and that he has made several powerful allies among the police.

Admiral Darlan on his side has been acting very cautiously and does not even inform his own officers and intimate collaborators of his plans. — Reuter.

CANADA MAY SEND WHEAT TO SOVIET

The Government will shortly review its attitude towards wheat shipments to Russia, with prospects that permits will be granted, states a message from Ottawa. Last autumn Canada refused Russian orders, fearing the wheat would reach Germany. — Reuter.

ENEMY DESTROYER BELIEVED SUNK IN BEIRUT

An enemy destroyer is believed to have been sunk in the harbour at Beirut on Sunday afternoon, states an R.A.F. Middle East communique, which says that R.A.F. bombers attacked enemy shipping in the harbour at Beirut, one destroyer receiving a direct hit and is believed to have sunk, while a merchantman alongside a mole was set on fire.

During the previous night the harbour was also raided by Fleet Air Arm aircraft and bombs were seen to fall across the wharves. Australian planes machine-gunned and destroyed a number of Vichy transport vehicles on the Damascus-Beirut road.

R.A.F. bombers early on Sunday morning attacked a convoy of enemy merchant shipping escorted by destroyers along the Tripolitanian coast. One ship of 6,000 tons was badly damaged and other bombs were seen falling close to other ships in the convoy, probably damaging them.

One Italian plane was shot down over Malta yesterday by British fighters, and one more Messerschmitt is now known to have been destroyed by British fighters on June 17, in addition to the six already claimed. One British aircraft is missing from all the above operations but the crew is safe. — Reuter.

SENSATION IN VICHY

News of the outbreak of the Russo-German war caused a great sensation in Vichy where up to the last moment it had not been expected, says the Vichy correspondent of the Zurich "Gazette de Lausanne."

Official circles are reserved, the correspondent adds, but certain influential quarters expressed satisfaction that Hitler "aims at undertaking a crusade against Communism." — Reuter.

FINLAND PROTESTS TO RUSSIA

A protest against the bombing of Finnish objectives by Russian planes was made to the Soviet Minister when he visited the Finnish Foreign Minister yesterday says the Finnish Radio quoted by Reuter.

N.Z. Concurs In Policy

THE PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND, MR. PETER FRASER, ANNOUNCED IN LONDON AFTER CONSULTATION WITH HIS GOVERNMENT IN NEW ZEALAND HE WAS IN THE POSITION TO STATE THAT THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT ENTIRELY CONCURS IN THE POLICY LAID DOWN BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN HIS BROADCAST ON SUNDAY NIGHT WITH REFERENCE TO THE GERMAN ATTACK ON RUSSIA.

New Zealand will be glad to associate itself in this matter with His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom. This is the first of the British

SPEEDY ACTION BY R.A.F.

The R.A.F. has given speedy action to Mr. Churchill's promise to Russia of fierce day and night bombing of the Germans yesterday, and within a few hours of the Prime Minister speaking on Sunday night.

Twice yesterday at least bombers accompanied by a large number of fighters, swept over northern France and while their escorts were shooting down 18 German fighters, attacked once again the important industrial plant near Bethune and other targets.

The objectives of the offensive sweep in the evening have not so far been disclosed, but experienced listeners on the English coast were inclined to believe that heavy attacks were being made on German advanced aerodromes.

Two bombers and two fighters are missing while eighteen German fighters were shot down. By contrast very little opposition was met in the first sweep of the day and fighter pilots, particularly the Poles, were glum on their return at the disinclination of the enemy to fight.

On Sunday night north-west German naval ports, chiefly Bremen and Wilhelmshaven, were hammered. — Reuter.

Dominion Governments officially to endorse the "British aid for Russia" policy enunciated by Mr. Winston Churchill on Sunday. — Reuter.

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SWEDISH CABINET HOLDS EMERGENCY MEETING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

KING GUSTAV OF SWEDEN, who hurried to Stockholm yesterday, in response, it is hinted in well-informed quarters, to a German demand that Sweden define her attitude, summoned an extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet.

The meeting lasted for several hours, but no official announcement has been made regarding the agenda or the decisions reached.

It is stressed in official quarters in Stockholm, however, that Sweden will take every possible step to preserve her neutrality, and all Swedish shipping in the Baltic has been ordered to make for the near Swedish report immediately.

News from Norway of large-scale German troop movements has excited Swedish opinion.

Although the German concentrations appear to be chiefly in the western and south-western areas of Norway, it is felt that this may be a precautionary move against British military operations, which might be undertaken if Germany took hostile action against Sweden.—International News Service.

LARGE SCALE EVACUATIONS

A sudden increase in German activity on the south and west coasts of Norway is indicated in reports reaching the London Norwegian Telegraph Agency.

German troops are reported to be constantly moving westwards from Oslo, and a large part of the coastal region has been declared a fully prohibited area and permits for entrance to and exit from it are issued only very exceptionally.

The area extends inland for about 60 miles from the north side of Nord Fjord and then southwards passing the head of Sognefjord and Hardanger Fjord, and as far south as Krageroe on the south coast.

Large scale evacuations of Norwegian citizens are being undertaken with drastic suddenness.

In the Oberlandet district, near Trondheim, large cultivated areas are being taken over by the Germans. Farmers are being driven out at a moment's notice, and at one place the Germans even set fire to some barracks in order to clear the ground.—Reuter.

ITALIANS UNDER CONTROL

ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO PREVENT ANY ITALIAN NATIONALS FROM LEAVING THE UNITED STATES PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN ORDERED.

The Department of Justice in Washington announces it has issued instructions to this effect to immigration and border patrol officers. This action duplicates the step taken against Germans on June 18.—Reuter.

8,000 PRISONERS AT JIMMA

Italian prisoners taken at Jimma are officially estimated at 8,000, states a London report. These include one Corps Commander, two divisional commanders and eight brigadiers.—Reuter.

JUST A REMINDER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
GERMAN PLANES YESTERDAY MORNING, JUST BEFORE DAWN, DROPPED BOMBS ON LONDON FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR MANY DAYS, APPARENTLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING A REMINDER THAT ALL NAZI BOMBERS HAVE NOT BEEN DIVERTED TO THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

The London alert was, however, brief and only a few bombs were dropped, doing little damage and causing no casualties.

The R.A.F. is still raiding Germany and the invasion ports in powerful force.—International News Service.

BIG ORDER FOR HUGE BOMBERS

It is understood that 200 aircraft are involved in an order which Mr. Hope, Canadian Munitions Minister, announced had been placed with the National Steel Car Corporation for Martin B-26 twin-engined 13 ton bombers. Excluding the cost of engines, propellers and instruments, it totals 25 million dollars.—Reuter.

TURKEY ASKS QUESTIONS

While Turkey has proclaimed her neutrality in the German-Soviet war, she has asked Germany to define her aims with regard to Russia, and particularly territories of Caucasus, reports the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French Agency.

It is stated in Istanbul that a British Military Mission is leaving Egypt for Moscow to co-ordinate the war efforts of the two countries. The Soviet Black Sea fleet was sighted yesterday cruising in the neighbourhood of the Bosphorus.—Reuter.

International News says that the Turkish Government yesterday issued a decree proclaiming a state of siege throughout the country.

President Inönü has gone to Istanbul for an emergency meeting of the Cabinet, while von Papen and M. Sarajoglu have had further conversations.

Official sources refuse to indicate the Government attitude, but unofficially some express the hope that Germany's break with Russia will benefit her relations with Turkey.—International News Service.

NOT ALWAYS WHOLE TRUTH

Sir Walter Monckton, Director-General of the Ministry of Information, speaking in London, said: "We want to tell you everything as promptly as we can, but while we will tell you the truth and nothing but the truth, it is not always safe to tell the whole truth."

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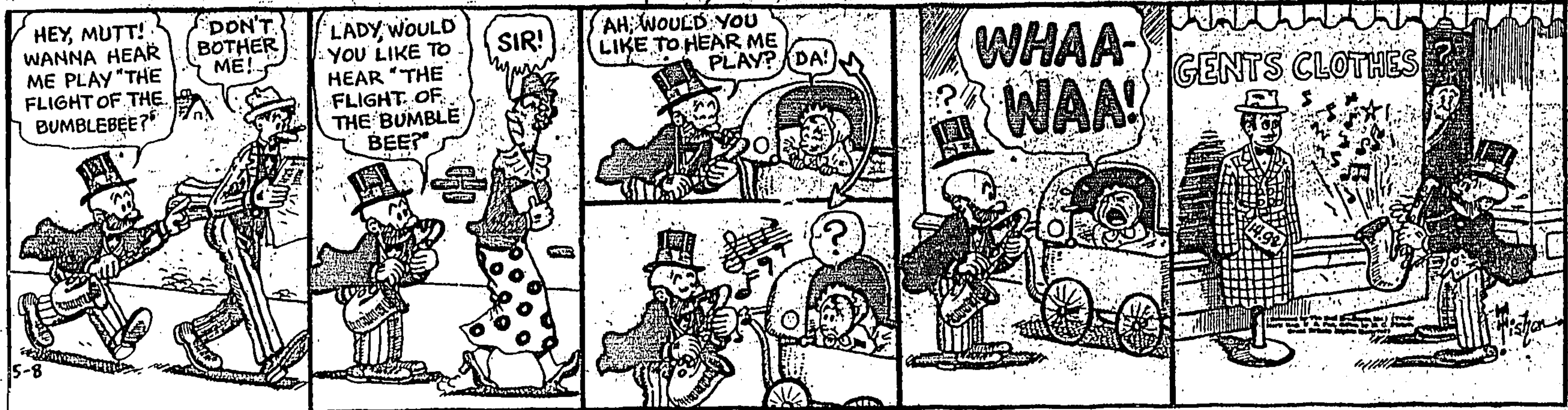
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RECORDS GONE WITH THE WIND

"Gone With The Wind" has made screen history. With a recent performance at the Ritz, London, it became the first film to run for a year at a West End cinema.

The previous record was held by "Ben Hur," which ran for

forty-nine weeks at the Tivoli fourteen years ago.

Not only has it made a fortune for David Selznick, who spent £800,000 making it, but made Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh the "most seen" personalities in films.

Receipts in Britain have already reached £250,000, although it has only been shown in a dozen localities.

In London alone it has taken £120,000, and there are still queues at the Ritz.

Manchester's run at one cinema lasted for twenty-four weeks and produced £34,000.

Of this, one old woman of sixty paid £3 3s. in seeing the film fourteen times.

Beat All Records

Equally popular at Birmingham, it brought in £31,000 in seventeen weeks.

Even in Scotland, where they think twice before paying a 3s. 6d. minimum admission, it beat all records at Glasgow, Dundee, and, believe it or not—ABERDEEN!

It is estimated that a further £750,000 will follow when it is generally released in the autumn—the exact date is not yet set.

This will bring the figures in Britain up to £1,000,000—far ahead of the total registered by any other film.

CANALS TO CARRY FOOD

Britain's vast network of 3,600 miles of canals and inland waterways, neglected for years, will soon be as busy as they were in the days of their Victorian prosperity and will be playing a vital part in speeding up the country's war transport system.

Since his appointment by the Minister of Transport to investigate the canal system, Mr. Frank Pick, former L.P.T.B. vice-chairman, has been getting a move on.

Taking the Minister at his word that "speed is the essence of the case," he has been roaming the country, probing the use—and disuse—of our canals, only coming back to town at intervals for hurried conferences with his chief.

Now, without waiting to submit a final report on his investigations, he has handed the Minister an interim report containing a number of recommendations.

Cutting Out Waste

The "Daily Mirror" understands that Mr. Pick's proposals include:

New wharf accommodation at various points along the canals to ease war industries of their transport difficulties.

Speedier means for finding skilled labour to operate hundreds of barges now lying idle.

Two-way schedules that will keep boats employed all the time and eliminate wasteful empty return journey.

Expansion and speed-up of canal system for bringing about quicker and more even distribution of nation's food.

The Minister of Transport is so much in agreement with Mr. Pick—recently he confessed himself "becoming very bargeminded"—that he has already started putting some of the earlier recommendations into practice without waiting for the completion of the inquiry.

DE-RESERVED MEN AS GUN-FODDER

This is what Mr. J. Marchbank, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, says about the coming comb-out of the reserved occupations:

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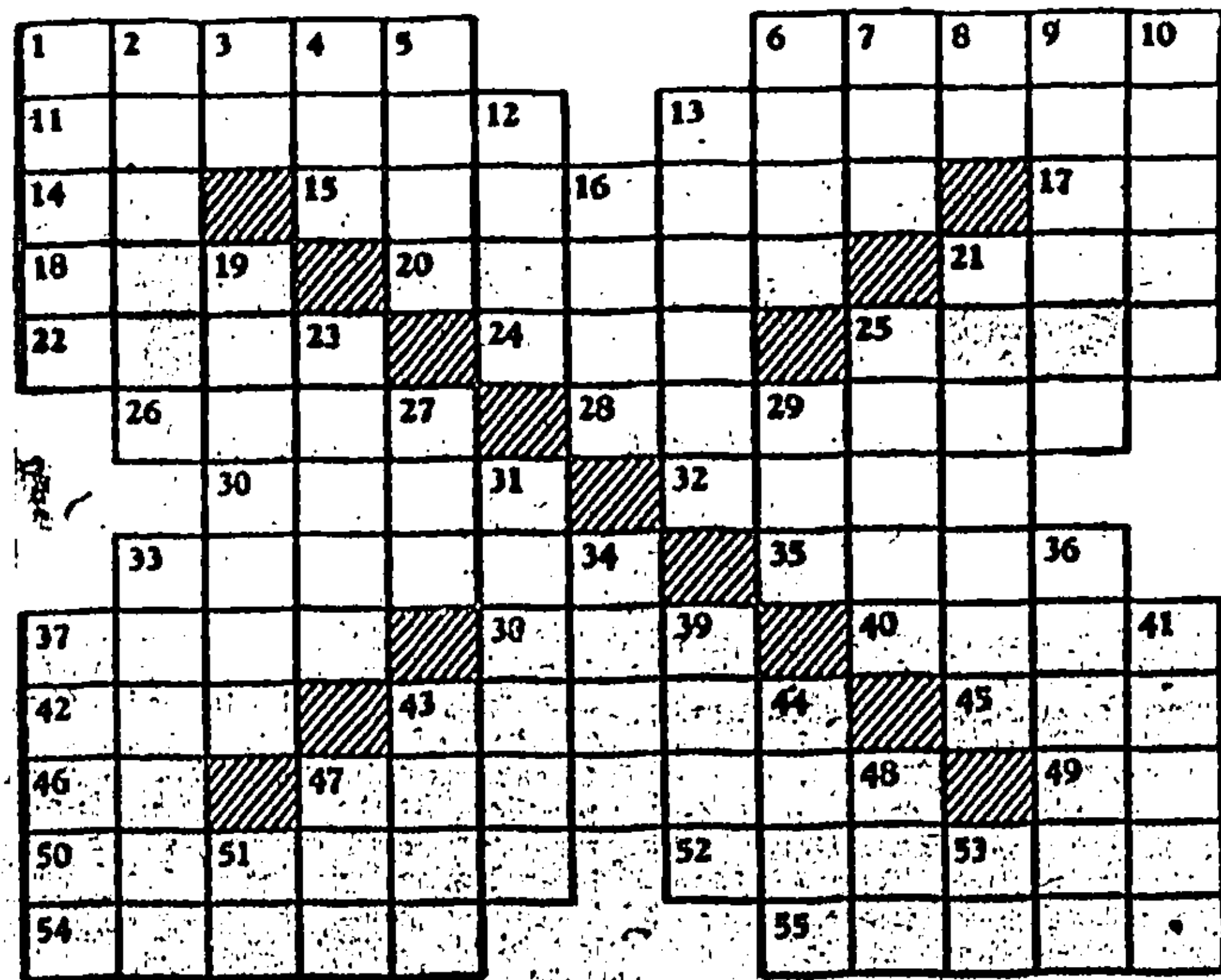
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He told the annual conference of trade union women in Leeds that Mr. Bennett seemed to have the idea that income tax had gone up to 10s. in the £ because war workers were earning £5 a week or more. "It is easy to talk nonsense with an Oxford accent," he declared.

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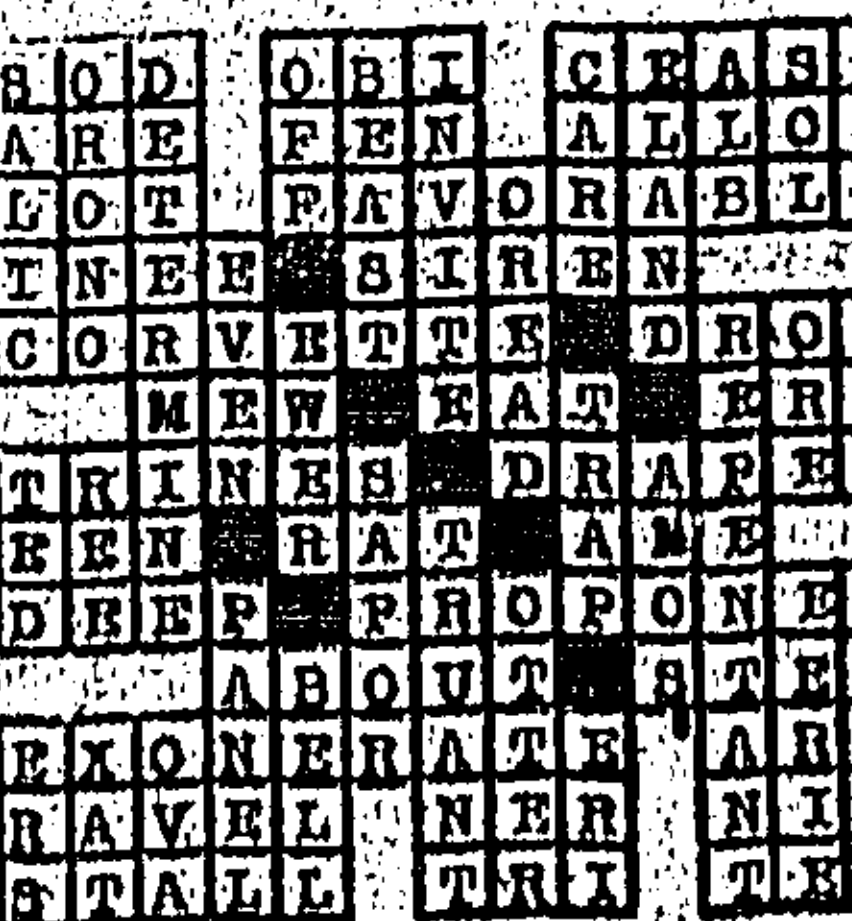
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22 Square of three
24 Worm
25 The dill
26 To remove
28 Perceived the flavour of
30 Nothing but
32 Weaving-machine
33 To, place
35 One
37 Shelter
38 Scoundrel
40 Ghostly
42 Mother of Poor Gyn
43 Particled
45 To petition

46 You and me
47 Hallowed
49 Symbol for calcium
50 Sea-nymph
52 Danish coin
54 Cornered
55 To accumulate late

VERTICAL:
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2 Extremely hot
3 Conjunction
4 Kiwi
5 Speechless
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7 By

8 While
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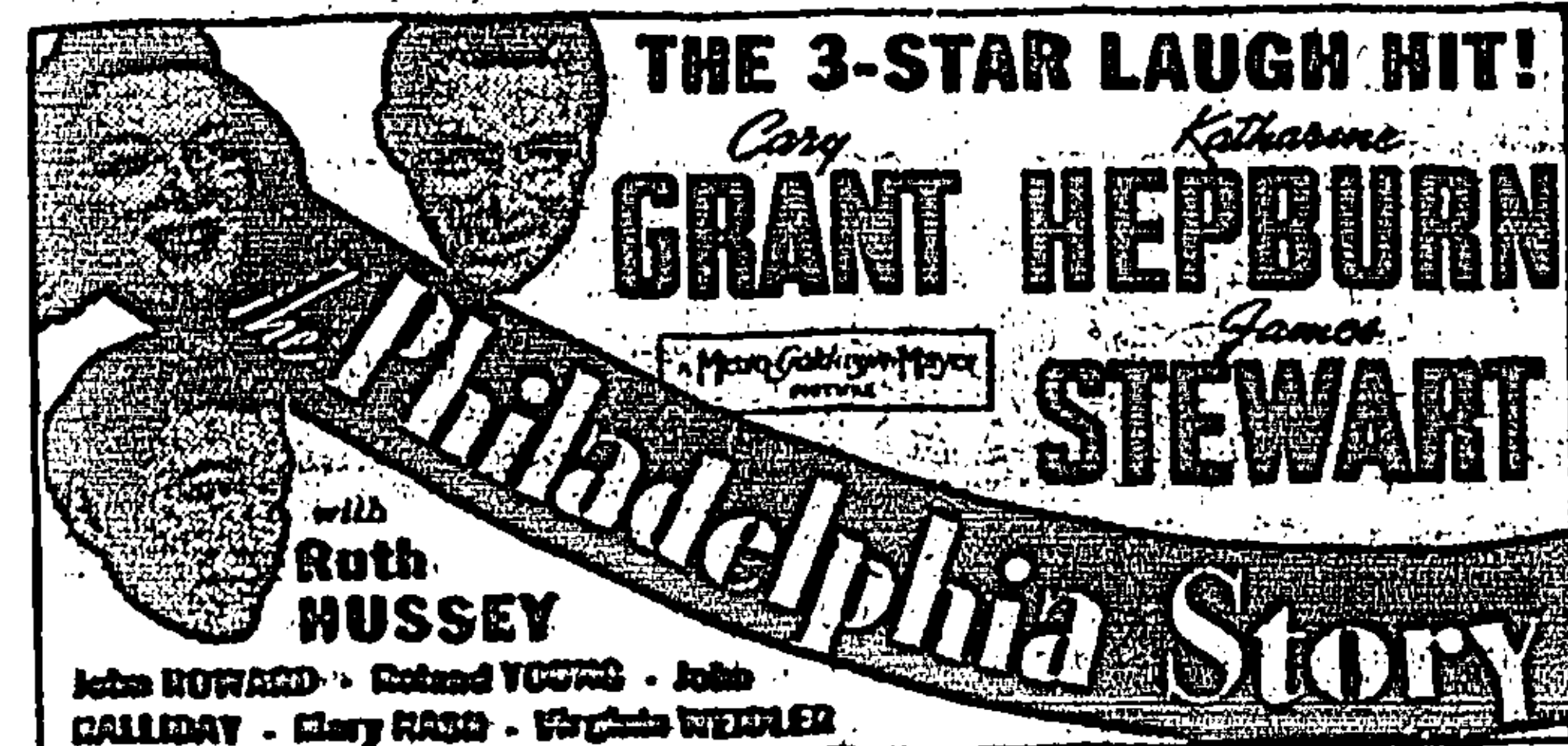
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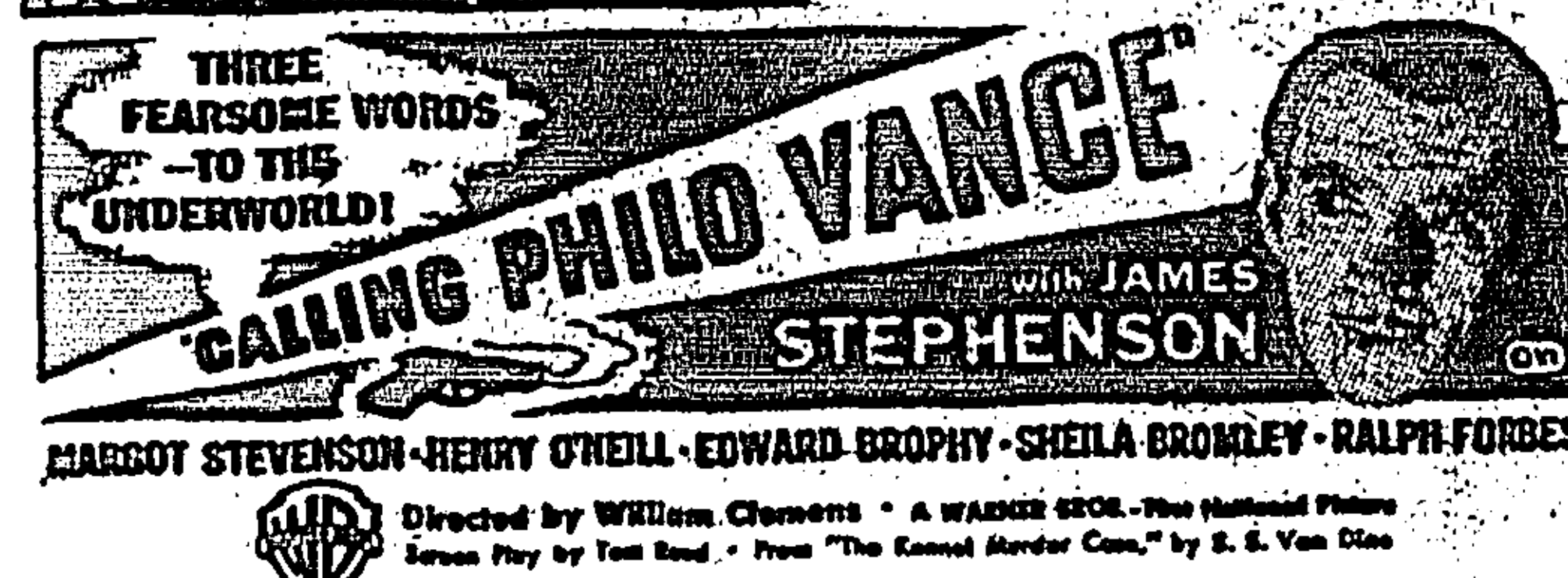
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ORGANISING AGAINST AIR ATTACK

(By A Special Correspondent)

AIR ATTACK IS AN act of war. Its consequences must be met and fought on the same plane. How much longer are we to keep up the pretence that daily invasion from the air crashing down on our large cities can be treated as a new department of local government and tacked on to normal peace administration?

We have tried for months to force war needs through the bottle-neck of local government. A volume of experience is now to hand which proves the futility of the attempt.

To say this is not to blame the authorities whose means have proved inadequate for novel ends remote from their normal duties. Nor is the small reproach levelled against the devotion and zeal of the public servants concerned. But after nine months' experience of bombing it would be scandalous to shirk the need for radical change. Air attack has come to stay. For months, years perhaps, we have to face the prospect for our cities of ordeal by fire and high explosive. The present writer has seen at close quarters the consequences of bombing in many of our large towns. The tragedy follows much the same lines whatever the locality: destruction of public buildings and commercial houses by fire and high explosives; shattering of private homes; temporary breakdown of communication by road, rail, telegraph, telephone; cutting off of gas, water, electricity. It is a pattern common to all. How can these evils be countered?

Dispersal Of Powers

The major administrative difficulties which arise after an attack are largely due to the dispersal of powers in a given area between a number of authorities, large and small, of varying capacities and intelligence. A complicated network of local administration covers the country, ranging from large units like the country council, with a trained staff of public servants, to the parish council, whose clerk may be some parish worthy. It was an intricate system, more or less dovetailed, which worked with varying success and often considerable delay under normal conditions. Whatever its merits in peacetime, the system was ill adapted to meet prevalent circumstances. Though the consequences of an air raid demand positive and immediate action, the old, often dilatory, peace-time machine still holds its ground. Arrangements differing enormously in efficiency between area and area persist, and the terrible experience gained in places subject to heavy onslaught does not so far seem to have penetrated the understanding or changed the plans of cities which have not yet felt the full force of the German bombers.

Attack may fall on a large industrial city with a rural hinterland, into which it is desired immediately to evacuate some thousands of people, both adults and children.

The city may be adequately organised with trained and responsible officials in charge of the various departments. But their jurisdiction ceases at the city boundaries, and the business of evacuation has therefore to be picked up and carried on partly by country officials, partly by urban and rural authorities. Confusion and delay set in at this point. Local authorities are jealous of their powers; a cooperative spirit is the exception, not the rule. The principle of self-determination was fully applied when local authorities were allowed to make their own arrangements on their own lines, and central government has shown marked reluctance to trespass upon these powers in the cause of efficiency. Emergency committees were formed on a party basis, not that of administrative efficiency. Further, an unimaginative town clerk or a self-sufficient public assistance officer not infrequently thought to concentrate all these novel powers in his own hands, and the help enlisted was often pitifully inadequate to the grim task that ultimately had to be faced. Hence the confusion in

some places, accompanied by a proportionate toll of human suffering which better organisation might have mitigated.

The Regional Remedy

Such a state of affairs calls for remedy without further delay. It is an urgent national matter that the defensive machinery should be made at once more simple, flexible, and authoritative. The tangle of competing local bodies and their official must be cut away and power concentrated on one responsible unit. This unit clearly should be sought in an extension of the powers and functions of the Regional Commissioners. The Government set up Regional Commissioners, whose powers, it is understood, would be large in the event of invasion. But invasion carries, and meanwhile the Commissioner possesses no powers or has not been authorised to apply them on plans before air attack or on the problems of food, evacuation, and transport arising afterwards, problems which are often acute on the morrow. Yet the situation in a bombed area brooks of no delay if human suffering is to be mitigated and the normal life of the area in some measure restored.

It is suggested, therefore, that the powers of the Regional Commissioner be extended and made more concrete, especially in respect of food, evacuation, and transport.

Fire-fighting has at last been recognised as a national matter, and is now being faced on national not local lines. Air attack, however, creates a volume of human and personal problems which must be handled locally. When circumstances make such a step necessary, the Regional Commissioner should be authorised to proclaim a given area, determined, of course, beforehand, as an administrative unit in which all the resources of local government should be pooled and officials set free to act under his orders beyond the narrow limits of their own authority. They Commissioner would then appoint three chief officers to deal with, first, food and rest shelters; secondly, evacuation and billeting; thirdly, transport and other technical services (gas, water, electricity). In addition a medical officer should be appointed, competent to treat the health needs of the proclaimed area, and to work under the instructions of the Commissioner. These four officers would form the Commissioner's executive staff; they would have power to act to commandeer houses and transport, and to cut through hampering red tape.

Advisory Councils

It should be the business of the Commissioner, before any trouble occurs, to study the needs and resources of an area and to have the outlines of a shadow organisation clearly in mind. To keep the local authorities in touch, an advisory council should be created in a proclaimed area, consisting of the four executive officers and the mayors and chairmen of the respective local bodies. As the Commissioner might have more than one proclaimed area under his control, he could not be expected to preside personally over the advisory committee. The chairman should be his deputy or nominated by him, and through him be answerable to Parliament. Representatives of the Government Departments concerned, Health, Food, Transport, Labour, with the Assistance

Board, would be asked to attend meetings of the advisory committee, and these officials must at all times keep in close touch with the Commissioner and place themselves at his service. In some districts it may be necessary, in view of essential work to be carried out in the bombed area itself, to build huts in the surrounding neighbourhood to serve as dormitories. The Commissioner would consult with Lord Reith's Department and the appropriate building authority about such matters.

To associate local interest with the work sub-committees could be formed in each area, to which certain duties would be allocated. Members of the local authorities would serve on these sub-committees and representatives of the voluntary organisations.

But it must be clearly understood that all such bodies are under the direction of the Regional Commissioner for the purposes already enumerated, and must carry out instructions when given.

The town councils and other local authorities, while carrying on their normal municipal work, would be expected to hold themselves in readiness to assist the Commissioner in any way, and to cooperate by the loan of staff and premises when required. Assistance from the various education offices would be necessary in dealing with the children.

The whole question of evacuation and billeting would be greatly simplified if it were entrusted to one responsible authority operating in a large geographical unit from which a multiplicity of varying local authorities had been eliminated for the time being. In some areas, where essential work has to be carried on, the Commissioner should have a residential belt at his disposal earmarked for local use and not filled up with evacuees from London.

A Special Minister

Should any deadlock arise between the Commissioner and Whitehall, he would be better able to solve it by dealing direct with Ministers and chief officials than by depending on the tedious and vexatious methods of correspondence and inquiry which at present hamper action on a lower level. Central Government, by spasms parsimonious and extravagant, can hold up business and prove as argumentative as any parish council. The Commissioner would be in touch with the Navy, Army, and Air Force, and be in a position to call upon their services in an emergency. He would be responsible to Parliament through a special Minister, who was not a Departmental head. He would require an adequate staff. Many officials can be seconded from their normal duties in the locality; for local knowledge is a valuable, indeed an essential, asset in administration. But appointments must be made with entire disregard of seniority or of any consideration save that of efficiency, and be subject to ruthless scrapping if efficiency is not achieved.

Finally, speed is of the essence of effective war relief. Great though the trials of the people, their courage and patience and endurance have been beyond praise. They on their side may well ask that traditional methods should not hamper the treatment of the novel and terrible aftermath of an air attack and further that adequate provision beforehand should reduce its inevitable miseries to the lowest possible level.

CALLED IN ARMY TO SHOOT ELEPHANT

Lord Tweedsmuir, son of the late Governor-General of Canada and now a captain in the Canadian Corps headquarters in Britain, has shot an elephant "somewhere in England."

Rosie, the elephant, belonging to a local zoo, was ailing and had to be shot. The keepers appealed to the Canadian headquarters for aid.

An anti-tank rifle was prepared, but Captain Tweedsmuir decided on an ordinary Service rifle. With four shots the beast was killed.

CHINA MAIL
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HOIST WITH HIS OWN PETARD

The predicament in which Soviet Russia finds herself to-day arouses less sympathy than has been accorded to any previous victim of Herr Hitler. There never has been a more glaring example of the utter futility of a policy of appeasement in dealing with a cold calculating madman like Hitler, but it is difficult to overlook the fact that Stalin has had no compunction about profiting by Hitler's depredations in Europe and has been guilty of equally naked aggressions against Poland, Finland and Rumania. It may be contended, with a certain amount of truth, that Stalin's primary interest was the strengthening of Russia's strategic position against this very thrust by Germany, but it would be easier to give expression to a mood of ready forgiveness if the Kremlin had been quite frank about it, instead of seeking to justify its actions by the same sort of incredulously stupid charges as were made by Herr Hitler on Sunday against the Soviet.

Disinclination to forget the part that the Soviet has played in Europe in the last two years will not, however, diminish the will to assist Russia by every means in our power. If Russia is not our ally, she has been attacked by Germany in defiance of prior treaty engagements and, a common interest with us is established. More than that, it is in our own direct interest to stiffen the Russian resistance to the German steamroller as far as lies within our capacity, to the utmost of our capacity. It is no time for recriminations or ideological calculations. Hitler's attack upon Russia is but part of the wider German strategy which has as its final aim the smashing of resistance in the British Isles and the completion of his conquest of the Western Hemisphere. He wants the Ukraine and the Baku oilwells to exploit their resources for use against the British Empire. And we are placed in deadlier danger if he succeeds, as some observers think he may, in running through Southern Russia like a knife through butter. It is not, however, such an easy task that Hitler has set himself. Experience in the Ukraine in 1918 will not be far from the minds of the German General

THE protection of civil liberties must be a vital preoccupation of a Britain which proposes to emerge from war with its democratic foundations uninjured. The Government has powers little short of absolute over the lives and property of its citizens. How has it used those powers?

From letters which have reached me from the United States it is clear that there are some people who have judged our position rather in terms of the powers conferred by Parliament on the Executive than in terms of the latter's exercise of them. Some incident, above all perhaps, the suppression of the "Daily Worker" has struck their imagination, and they have assumed that the war-powers of the Executive have deprived us of the major freedoms. It seems to me, a matter of interest and importance to analyse the use of the Emergency Powers by the Cabinet. Only in that way can the outsider get a real perspective about our situation.

I take first freedom of the press. Here two papers, both of them Communist, the "Daily Worker" and the "Week" have been suppressed. In each case the suppression has been by an executive act from which there is no appeal to a Court of Law. I myself have regretted that the alternate regulation, which permits such an appeal, was not used by the Home Secretary. In the debate in the House of Commons on his decision, however, he was upheld by an overwhelming majority.

Under the regulation which permits the prosecution of persons charged with creating alarm and despondency, there have been 105 cases. In only twenty of these have sentences of imprisonment, varying from one day to three months, been imposed. In the remaining cases, the offender has

Staff, and they have to deal on this occasion with a population far more skillfully versed in sabotage. But we must do our part. The harder we can make it for Hitler the better it will be for us. The sole consideration of any real importance is that when we help Russia, we help ourselves.



MUSIC HATH NO CHARMS.

Freedom And The Worker

By
Harold Laski

been either bound over or fined, and in twelve of them the case has been dismissed by the magistrates. In fourteen of the cases where fines have been imposed, these have, on review by the Home Secretary, been either remitted or reduced.

Under the regulations dealing with acts of sabotage, there have been four convictions, all significantly enough, occurring in June, 1940. Two of the accused were sentenced to three months' imprisonment, and two were fined.

Under the regulation dealing with power over processions and public meetings, public processions of a political character have been banned in London, (as they have largely been since the Fascist unrest of 1936) but not elsewhere. Three meetings have been prohibited in the whole country.

A drastic regulation gives the Home Secretary the power to detain persons whose conduct or views makes it seem likely that they may be guilty of action prejudicial to the safety of the realm. Under this power, some 500 persons who possess British nationality, but were of Italian origin, and were believed to be in sympathy with the enemy, were interned on the outbreak of war with Italy. About 200 of these have since been released. About 700 persons have been interned because they were active supporters of the British Union of Fascists—Sir Oswald Mosley's organisation. About 400 of these, mostly the lesser fry, have since been released. About 400 persons have been detained because, owing either to their hostile origin or associations, there was ground for believing that they were in sympathy with the enemy. Of these, 130 are women. All of them have been informed of the charges against them and permitted to state their case against detention to a powerful Advisory Committee in the Home Office over which an eminent Liberal lawyer, Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., has presided. Most of the releases ordered by the Home Secretary have been

the outcome of this Committee's recommendations.

Two other classes of cases merit a word. There have been some hundreds of cases of investigation of persons by the police, resulting on occasion, in search of premises and examination of persons. These have been the outcome, in over ninety per cent. of the cases, of information sent to the police of alleged offences e.g. signalling to enemy aeroplanes, on the part of the person investigated. The duty of investigation in cases of this kind cannot, I think, be denied. It cannot either be denied that there have been occasions on which the police have acted with stupidity and harshness.

An important issue has just arisen over the decision of the B.B.C. not to employ any person who supports the People's Convention, the recently formed and Communist-inspired organisation to promote revolutionary defeatism. This decision has aroused wide protest already. There can be no doubt that it is an indefensible decision, utterly alien from the Government's own attitude to those of its employees who participated in, or have given support to, the Convention.

This is the record as it stands so far. Roughly, this is to say, some 1,600 citizens are or have been detained for various periods; some 150 people have been fined amounts up to fifty pounds; and twenty-three people have been imprisoned for periods not exceeding three months. As one to whom civil liberty is a matter of the deepest urgency, I cannot believe that anyone with a sense of proportion can regard these figures as indicative of a desire in the executive to menace the freedom of the citizen. There have been stupidities, even brutalities, on the part of the police. One or two magistrates, in "alarm and despondency" cases, have played the fool on the bench. More than that the record does not permit anyone seriously to claim. In the most important case of detention, that of a well-known Communist figure, I have myself carefully investigated the issue. I should myself have ordered his internment on the evidence. I add that on that evidence, in either Germany or the Soviet Union, his execution would have been inevitable. I do not therefore accept the view that he is a martyr of a Government careless of working-class liberties. On the contrary, the mildness of his treatment is in striking contrast to the seriousness of his offence.

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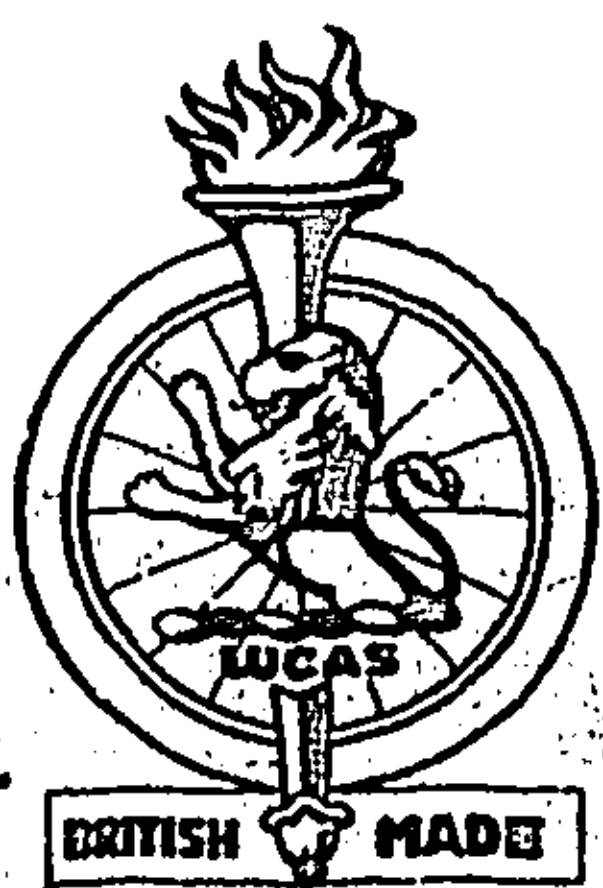


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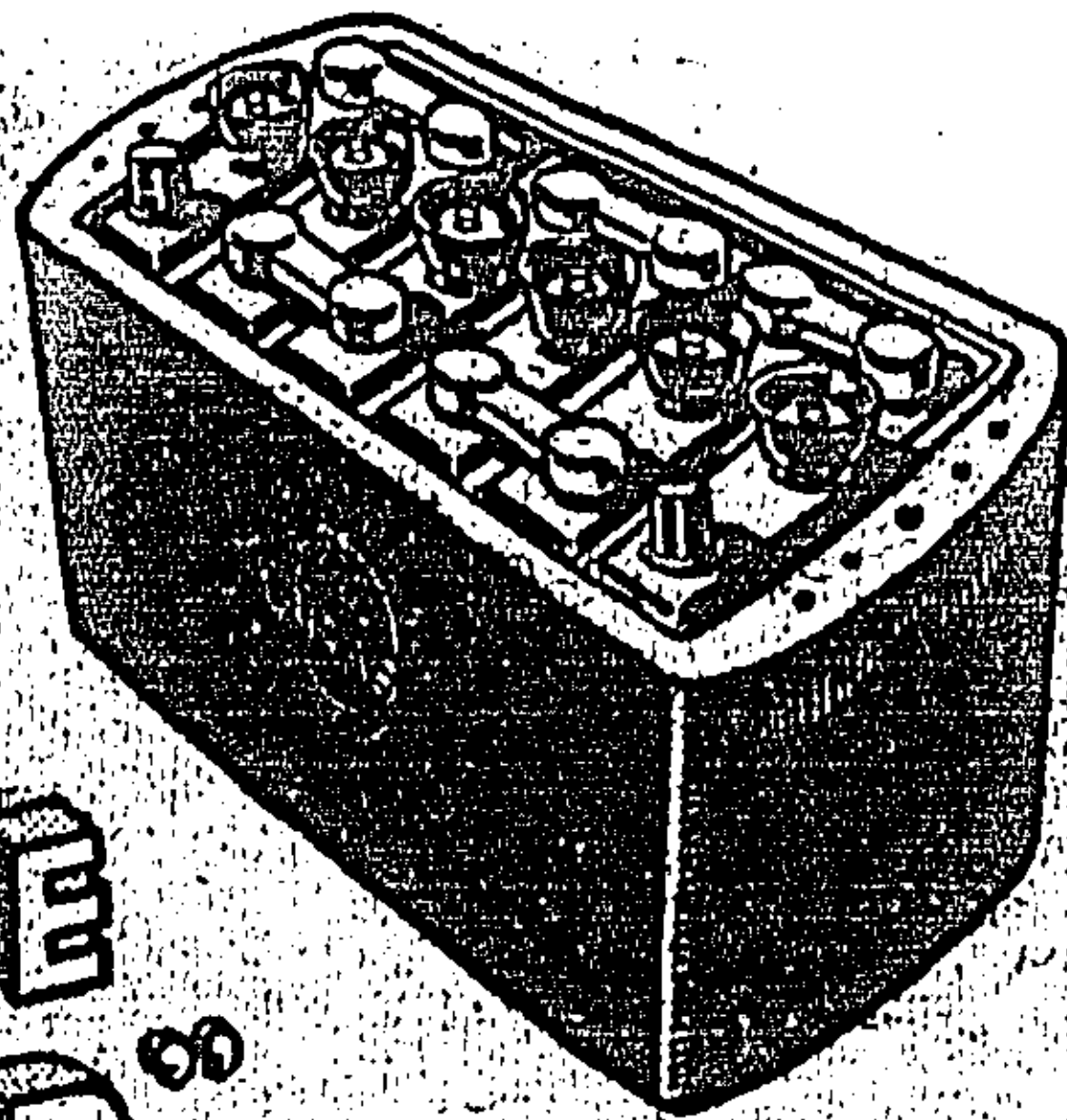


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"GERMAN" ARMY DEFEATED IN WILTS

LIKE SO MANY military exercises nowadays, that which I have just seen represented a German invasion and the measures taken to repel it. But, again like the majority of exercises which are being carried out at present, this had a special purpose, in addition to the general purpose of setting the whole of some complicated machinery in motion. It was to test a motorised division and an armoured division, both stationed a considerable distance inland and in G.H.Q. reserve.

Inevitably, for the sake of crops, both the hostile and the British forces had to be shepherded by strict control on the part of the Army Commander into areas in which it was desired by him that they should fight their battles; and that of the tanks was in this case equally inevitably Salisbury Plain.

Yet the development of the operations was perfectly credible and involved no loss of realism. Moreover, though the divisions had their roles laid down for them and were instructed to advance or retire to certain lines at certain hours, they knew nothing of these moves till the orders reached them. And they reported the progress of the battle as news to their corps headquarters, so that the system of control and intelligence (including even the interrogation of prisoners) could be practised. And though certain of the formations engaged were represented only by skeleton forces, at least 50,000 troops took part, so that administration and supply could also be given a real test.

infantry. The Panzer division disregarded it and advanced straight inland.

Meanwhile G.H.Q. was being asked—"pestered" might almost be the word—to hand over the armoured division to meet the new Panzer threat. But G.H.Q. had their own anxieties in other areas. They replied in effect:—"You may concert plans with it, but you must not touch it till you're told to," and not till 7 a.m. on the third day of the exercises was it released. I had already heard the Army Commander give a short sketch of the main features of the exercise on the first afternoon. But concentrating plans meant a conference at the armoured division's headquarters; so there my resourceful guide took me next morning, and I was allowed to attend the conference.

The German "Landing"

Three German divisions were supposed to have effected a landing on a broad stretch of coast in the area of the Southern Command. One of them on the left flank was obviously out to capture a small port, and to capture it for a purpose for which the enemy will obviously want a port if he attempts large-scale invasion—to put a Panzer division ashore. The landing-places were (theoretically) heavily bombed by the R.A.F., but it was reported by the pilots that the "Flak" was very formidable. In practice the invaders were given every advantage, and permitted to complete their landing operations in a brief space of time, as though they had suffered little or no interruption from bombing. It was, however, accepted that the Navy had prevented further reinforcement. All three German divisions fought their way inland, the two right-hand ones wheeling right to enlarge the footing gained and driving before them the remnants of the original defenders of the beaches to create a wide gap.

G.H.Q., however, handed over the motorized division, and it moved rapidly through the night in brigade groups of all arms to strike the enemy's right flank on the morning of the second day. The intervention of these fresh troops brought about a change in the local situation. But it was too late; on the left the Panzer division was already ashore, and its armoured cars, pushing boldly into the gap, made very rapid progress.

A Vulnerable Objective

In these circumstances the commander of the motorized division did not dare to continue his counter-offensive, which would have carried him into the very open country of the plain. A motorized division may hope to put up a stiff resistance to tanks if it has time to consolidate a strong position, but if caught on the move its transport is one of the most vulnerable military objectives that can be imagined. In any case this division was somewhat widely dispersed, its leading brigade having pushed forward very quickly, while one of the rear brigades seemed to have been held up on the road. The divisional commander therefore ordered it to fall back upon a river and prepare anti-tank defences.

The move was covered by the leading brigade which afterwards passed through into support without having been seriously pressed by the enemy's

Skill And Realism

After that I drove down to the flank of the battlefield, many miles away, to watch that fighting between the motorized division and the invaders of which I spoke earlier. It would be impossible to describe in short space the incidents of the battle, which nevertheless stand out clearly in my mind, mingled with vignettes of that delightful countryside: market towns, villages, manor houses, each more lovely than the last; a blaze of gorse, spring flowers in the gardens; the earlier trees of the woods and coppices all feathered with green; a depleted string of some of the best race-horses in England filing back over the some of the best race-horses in woodland.

One of the strongest impressions left by the exercise that day was of the skill and realism with which it was mounted and the ability with which it was controlled by the senior umpires.

Next morning I was out on the plain by 7 o'clock in air like wine-kept a little too long on the ice to be ideal, but none the less invigorating. The armoured cars of the British armoured division and those of the "Panzers" alike showed great enterprise—so much that for once some of the umpires were taken by surprise by the speed at which the opposing forces made contact. The tank battle on the plain was highly realistic, with the British armoured division simultaneously hitting and feeling for the enemy's flank as it drove him back. This marked the turn of the tide. The Panzer division fell back to "harbour" for the night, its move affecting every corner of the battlefield, but most of all the right flank. Here the centre German infantry division, in the act of assaulting the British motorized division on its river-line defences, had to break off the action at night and retreat for the dual purpose of avoiding

HE RAN BAREFOOT IN TUNNEL

Sergeant Alfred William Wood, 27 years old, formerly an engineer, wins the O.B.E. Medal. This is why:

A plane flying off the North-West coast of Ireland came down in the sea 500 yards from the shore.

Heavy seas were running and the captain of the aircraft was swept away and drowned.

Dinghies were launched. One of them drifted on to a pile of rocks.

With great difficulty the occupants, among them Sergeant Wood, climbed on the rocks, being cut and bruised in the effort. By this time the second dinghy was in danger of being swept over the rocks.

Sgt. Wood stripped, put on a life jacket and swam ashore to get help.

In bare feet he ran a mile, partly along a railway tunnel. Then he returned with soldiers who improvised a rope of blankets to rescue the crew.

At one point the rope broke and a member of the crew fell in the sea.

Sgt. Wood dived in the water and saved him.

LAST OF R.A.F. TRIO KILLED IN ACTION

Last of three R.A.F. pilots who jestingly called themselves Pip, Squeak and Wilfred, Acting Flight Lieutenant John Charles Dundas, is now believed killed in D.F.C., previously reported missing.

Aged twenty-five, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dundas, of Cawthorne, near Barnsley, he was a relative of the Marquis of Zetland and of Viscount Halifax.

SOLDIER NOT TO DRIVE FOR ARMY

Private Oliver Frisby, R.A.M.C., was fined £3 and costs at Beaconsfield for dangerous driving which caused a collision between his Army truck and a motor-cycle combination.

He was suspended from driving for twelve months. The magistrate would not even allow him to drive Army vehicles.

a flank thrust from the British armoured division and of protecting its own Panzer division's camp during the hours of darkness.

This move in its turn seemed to provide an opportunity for the motorized division to pursue the enemy, pin down his rear-guard, and inflict damage upon him.

I myself, however, following the tank battle, saw little more of the infantry fighting. Nor can I say anything about the part played by the R.A.F. except that aircraft were constantly overhead.

Troops Fit And Keen

Difficult as it is to summarize so long a story, enough has perhaps been said to indicate how wide was the scope of this exercise, which was watched by the Commander-in-Chief, how real was the test provided, and how useful must have been the lessons derived from it. The troops were tried fairly highly, and their sleep was often very limited, but the men, wonderfully fit and healthy looking, stood up to the hard work and did not lose their keenness.

Equipment is now coming along well, but there are still certain deficiencies to be filled up, and we still cannot afford the slightest complacency on the subject.

The hitting power of the armoured fighting vehicle was illustrated not only by what it did but also by the effect of its near presence on other troops.

Mr. Menzies was right when he said that it was urgently necessary to increase our strength in this arm.

GERMAN AIRMAN CAUGHT ON ELECTRIC PYLON

ONE OF THE EIGHT GERMAN bombers shot down in recent night raids fell on an unoccupied house in a residential area of a south coast town. The house was demolished and the plane, which was loaded with incendiaries, burst into flames.

Another Nazi plane came down in the west, and two in the northeast. One of the victims of anti-aircraft fire blew up in mid-air near the Tyne. It received a direct hit after it had been illuminated by searchlight for only one minute.

The machine that hit the house had a crew of four. They baled out. Two were found dead in a scrap metal merchant's yard. Another was discovered in a garden with a leg wound. The fourth, who landed unhurt, gave himself up to Mr. Frederick Frewin a railway shunter.

Given A Cup Of Tea

Mr. Frewin, who was in a cabin at the time, said that the Nazi had a cut lip and seemed dazed. "I called three of my mates," he added. "We gave him a cup of tea and a cigarette."

"He could speak a little English and told me he was 21. He said he had landed on top of a goods van a little way down the line. He seemed relieved to be out of it and repeatedly shook hands with himself."

Another man who caught a German airman was Richard Jenkins, a miner, who on getting up in the morning looked out of his window and saw the airman squatting under a hedge.

About a mile away George Stevens, who lost an eye in the last war, found a second German airman, and followed Jenkins to the police-station. A few minutes later a police-sergeant turned up with a third prisoner.

Suspended By Parachute

One of the occupants of a machine shot down in the North-East was found by members of the Home Guard at dawn suspended by his parachute harness from a pylon.

One burst of machine-gun fire brought down an enemy bomber in a West Country rural area. Two of the crew, badly burned, escaped by parachute, but two others were burned to death.

A squadron leader, who destroyed three Nazi planes, was accompanied by an observer who has shared most of his exploits and has been awarded the D.F.M.

Streams Of Metal

The leader said that in all three fights streams of burning metal flew back at him, some hitting his machine.

"The moon lit up the whole side of the fuselage and rear turret of the second raider," he added. "The gunner opened fire at me, but my first burst silenced him and there was a large orange flash from the fuselage."

"Burning bits flew back and one of them dented the nose of my aircraft. There was another flash and the Heinkel went down vertically into the ground."

Another pilot who scored a "double" recognised his first victim as a Heinkel. He gave one burst and immediately there was a terrific explosion.

"Parts of the aircraft flew off and hit my windscreen, and I had to pull up," he said. "After that I had the satisfaction of seeing the German crash."

Fighters Raid Enemy

As well as tackling enemy bombers over Britain, fighter pilots flew over Northern France and attacked the Nazis above their own aerodromes, the Air Ministry stated.

One crew spent more than half an hour near a French aerodrome used as a base for raids on Britain. During much of that time they were under fire from the gunners on the ground. Twice the pilot attacked enemy aircraft. When another bomber took off the Blenheim sent it down in a steep diving turn.

On his way out from Britain the Blenheim found and bombed an anti-aircraft position.

BABY KILLED AS FATHER SAILED

Three hours after she had said good-bye to her husband, who was returning to his ship after a compassionate leave, Mrs. S. Williams, 23, was groping among the debris of their home in Liverpool for the body of her seven-week-old daughter.

It was the first time the father Sydney Williams, 26, had seen his baby. Three hours after he had gone in Liverpool a high explosive bomb struck the house.

Mrs. Williams was unhurt and immediately ran to her baby and two-year-old daughter, who were in bed in the front room. A beam had fallen across the bed. The mother extricated the older girl, who was unscratched, but the baby was killed.

Three five-watchers saved over 20 people trapped in a basement shelter. Steel pillars supporting the floor above were still in place, but debris from the front of the house had fallen into the shelter.

One of the men pulled away coping-stones and another, a one-legged man, James Aspinall, went inside. "I passed about six people," he said, "when I noticed that one of them looked ill and I realised that gas was escaping."

Bombed At Whist

"Crawling over the debris I found the leaking pipe and bent it upwards so that the flow of gas was directed into the house above. After that we clawed away debris with our hands and rescued our friends."

Several people were killed in the only other Liverpool district to be much damaged. Among

HOME GUARD TESTING TIME

"In my opinion, the day will come when you will have to use what you have learned, and I am confident you will do as well as you have done to-day."

Lieutenant-General Sir Bertram Sergison-Brooke said that when he handed a silver competition cup to a Golders Green Home Guard company.

BRITISH BROADCAST TO NAZIS

The B.B.C. has enlisted the aid of well-known British Left Wing representatives to broadcast daily to the working classes in Germany. The broadcasts are designed to reawaken the political consciousness of former German Social Democrats.

An hour each morning is given to news and commentaries, and an hour twice a week in the evening. Each broadcast is repeated.

The time of the evening broadcasts has been chosen to coincide with the news broadcasts in Germany, so that they may be listened to with less risk of the heavy penalties inflicted in such cases by the Nazi authorities.

An endeavour is made to carry on political thought from the point where it was ended in Germany by Hitler's advent. "The Voice of Labour," one of the features, is a survey of the Socialist Press. Another feature is American labour news. Talks are also given on economic subjects and there are discussions on German financial policy.

Regular broadcasters in this service, who give their talks in German, are Mr. Philip Noel Baker, M.P., Prof. Harold Laski and Mr. R. H. S. Crossman.

them was a fire-watcher, who was standing in a doorway.

In another Merseyside town a family of 11 were extricated from the ruins of their home. They had been playing whist and the father had five trumps still clutched in his hand.

It is believed that one of the raiders was badly crippled by anti-aircraft fire.

ITALIAN DIES FOR BRITAIN'S SAKE

AN ITALIAN WHO DIED for freedom—he landed with British parachutists in Italy and was captured and shot as a traitor by the Fascists—is commemorated in a Press announcement. It reads:

"Picchi — on Palm Sunday, 1941, Fortunate Picchi sacrificed his life for the cause of freedom. A brave man of high ideals. Until the day breaks, dear—F. R.I.P."

According to a Rome announcement he was recognised when taken prisoner and denounced as an Italian subject.

Picchi, £1,000-a-year banquet manager of the Savoy Hotel, had lived in London for more than twenty years.

No Fascist

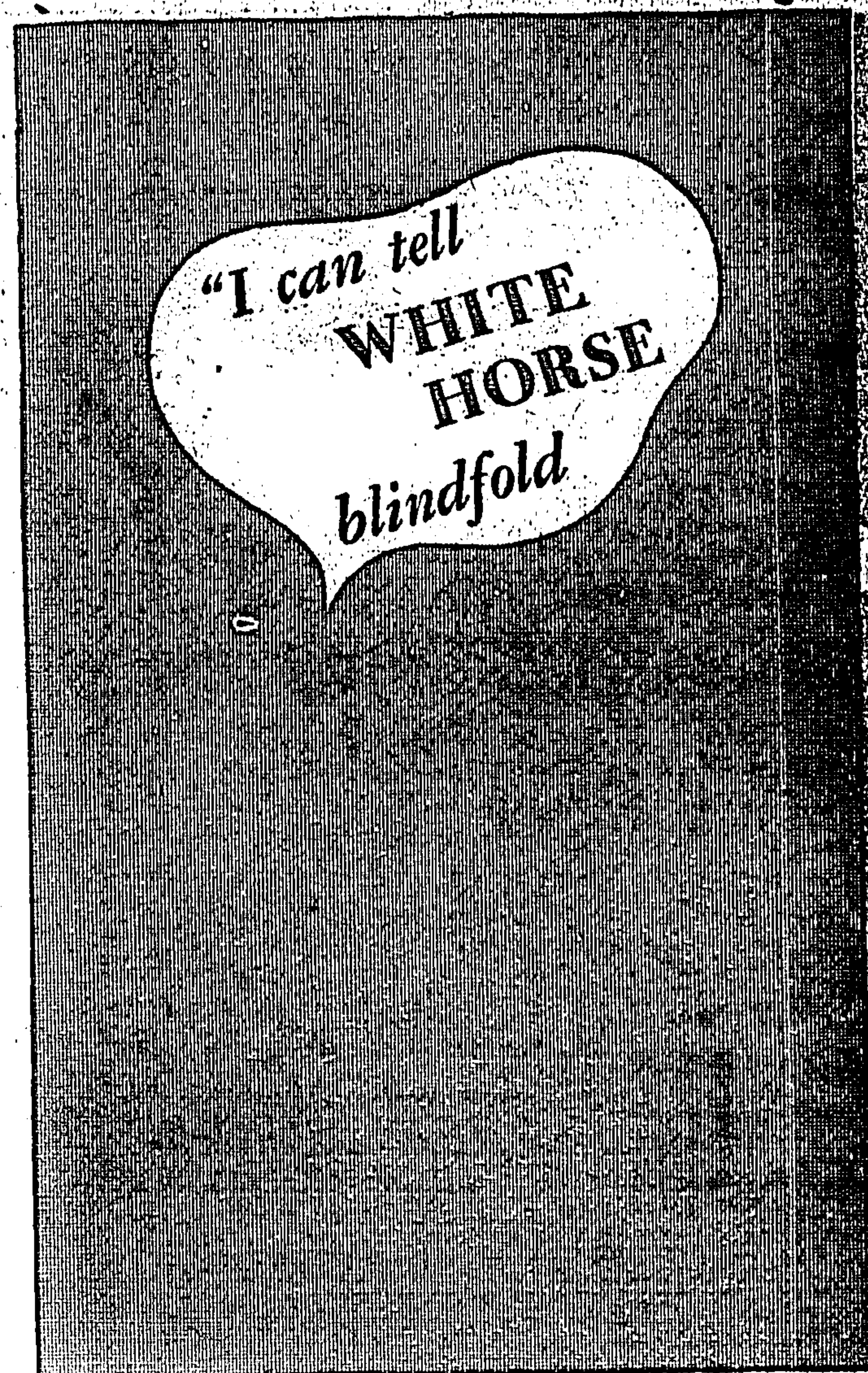
At her flat in Sussex-gardens, Baywater, London, W. Mrs. Florence Lantieri, a white-haired widow, told the "Daily Mirror": "I inserted the notice in memory of my dear friend. He died for Britain."

"Wilfred Picchi, as he was known in his job, pleaded to be

allowed to do something for the country he had grown to love. He was no Fascist; he used to say that Italy had been sold to the Huns."

"He was interned in the Isle of Man and he accepted that exile because he believed the law was right. When his chance came to do something to help us with the war, he volunteered."

"He need not have done anything for Britain, but he so admired us and so great was his loyalty that I am sure he would have seized any opportunity." Picchi was well-known in fashionable clubs in the West End. His chief was drowned when the Arandora Star was sunk.



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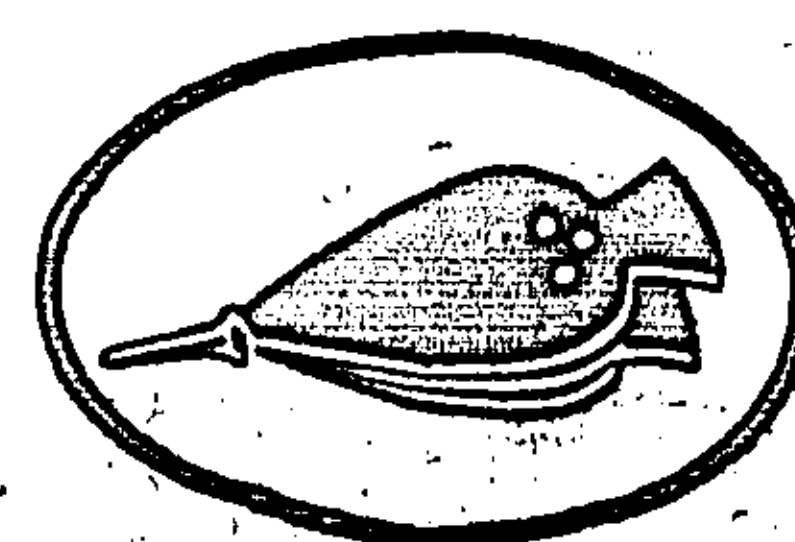
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BRIDGE NOTES

EXCELLENT TIMING

By The Four Aces

South made a difficult Slam contract not by any unusual play but simply by playing each card at precisely the right time:

North, Dealer

North-South vulnerable

NORTH

♠ A 6

♥ A 8 5 4

♦ A K 10 7 3

♣ K 6

WEST

♠ K Q 10 2

♥ 9 2

♦ 6 4

♣ J 8 7 3 2

EAST

♠ 7 4 3

♥ J 10 3

♦ Q J 6 2

♣ Q 5 4

SOUTH

♠ J 9 8 6

♥ K Q 7 6

♦ 9 8

♣ A 10 9

The bidding:

North East South West

1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass

3♥ Pass 4♣ Pass

4NT Pass 5♥ Pass

6NT Pass Pass

West opened the King of spades, and dummy won with the Ace.

The Slam obviously depended on getting a 3-2 break in trumps and on establishing dummy's diamonds. The only problem was to draw just enough trumps so as still to leave possible the establishment of the diamonds.

With this thought in mind, South drew two rounds of trumps with the King and Queen. It was important to leave two low trumps in the South hand, since it might be necessary to ruff diamonds twice, and to ruff with an honour would cost a trump trick.

Next dummy's high diamonds were taken, and South ruffed a third round of diamonds. Dummy was then entered with the club King for another diamond, led by dummy and ruffed by South. Declarer then cashed the Ace of clubs and ruffed a club with dummy's low trump. Only at this point could the trump Ace be laid down to draw East's last trump.

The dummy's last diamond could be cashed for the twelfth trick. Note that South loses his contract if he draws three rounds of trumps at once, or if he prematurely plays the trump Ace, or if diamonds are tackled before two rounds of trumps are drawn.

Monday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A 10 6 5

♥ 9 4

♦ K 8 4 2

♣ J 7 4

The bidding:

Jacoby Schenken You Mate

1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

3♣ Pass 4♥ (7)

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. You have a stopper in the unbid suit, and can best show the location of your meagre strength and your balanced distribution by going to no-trump.

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Question No. 750

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Jacoby Schenken You Mate

1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

2NT Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

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GAOLED

A message received in Zurich from Milan says the police have arrested several people for listening to B.B.C. broadcasts.

Sentences ranging from six to two months' imprisonment have been passed on three men and a Catholic priest.

FOOT SERVICE TO CURE 'EM

Here's a job for the Civil Servant to give him the right ideas on the use of power—he should wash the feet of the poor.

Mr. Philip Milner Oliver, of Manchester, suggested it in his presidential address to the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches at Oxford.

The insolence of power was a subtle poison, he said, and to the average bureaucrat, the poor were not immortal souls. At the best they were interesting cases, at the worst a mass of statistics or con-founded nuisances.

"The medieval church had a corrective for such insolence. Her great ones washed the feet of beggars."

"The practice might be revived and the feet of the poor be washed by our Civil Servants—washed in all the stinks and uncleanliness of poverty."

BRITONS LIKE ALLY COOKING

Food tastes of Britain's allies now living in London have not been forgotten during the establishment of the big chain of communal restaurants sponsored by the Ministry of Food, says the "Evening Standard."

At one centre in Westbourne-terrace, Bayswater, the daily menu is devised on entirely continental lines.

Here, each meal time gather Free Frenchmen, Dutchmen, Belgians, Czechoslovakians and Austrians.

The cook comes from Vienna, and refugees and British voluntary workers cooperate in providing continental dishes.

The secretary of the Wartime Continental Kitchen told the "Evening Standard": "The peculiar part is that more and more 100 per cent. Britishers are patronising our dishes each week."

"They seem to appreciate various typical non-British dishes."

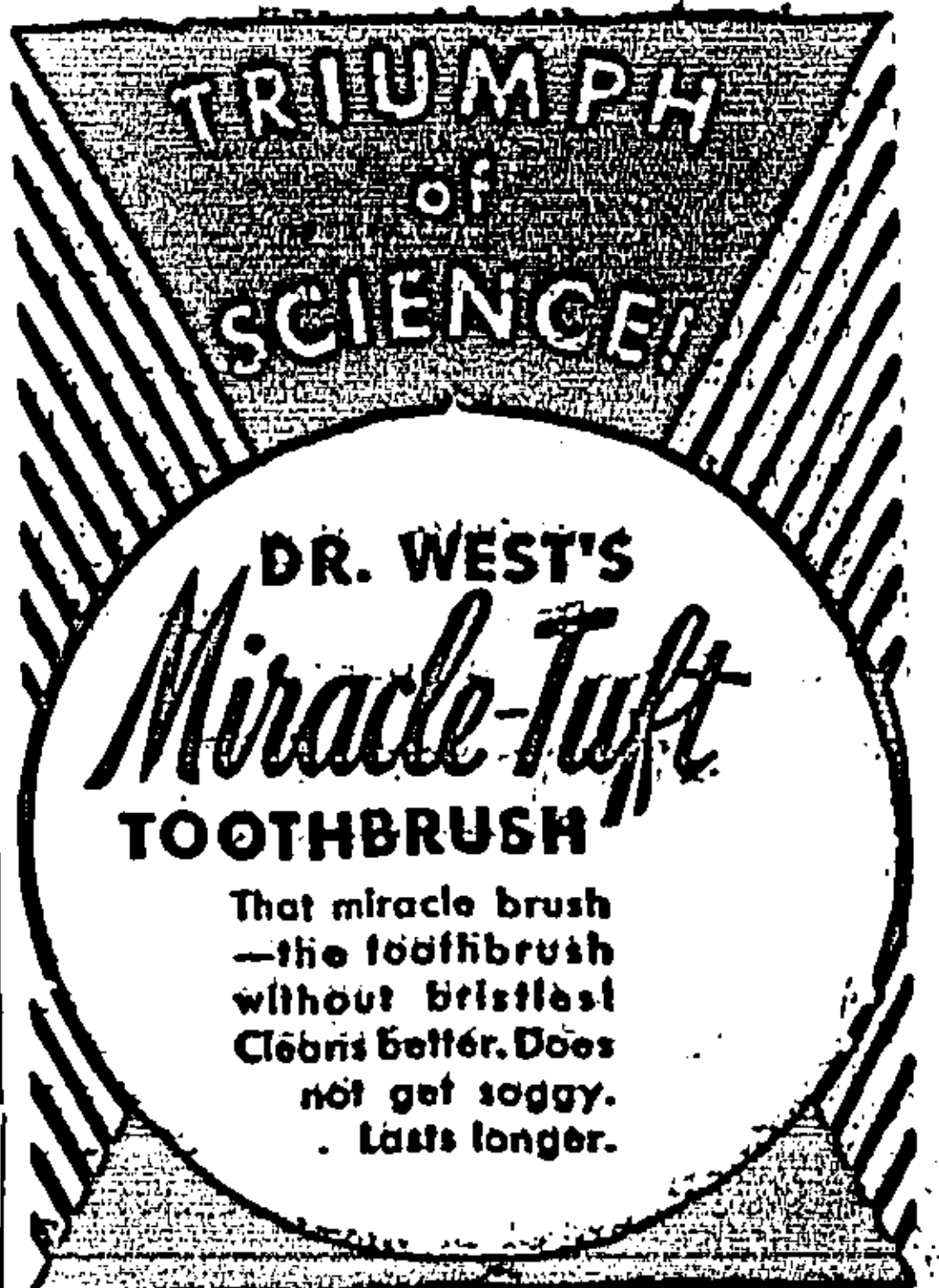


The honeymoon is over when the groom learns it takes more than love to fill a cottage.

CHILD MILLIONS WAR 'CASUALTIES'

First casualty of the war was the education service, delegates at the National Union of Women Teachers were told at their annual conference — "the Schoolmarm's Parliament" — at York.

Speaker was Miss H. R. Walmesley, who referred to the "destruction" to the 5,000,000 children in Britain. It was "something for which posterity will take the legacy," she declared. The conference unahimously demanded immediate restoration of full compulsory education.



ON SALE AT SINCERE'S

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED

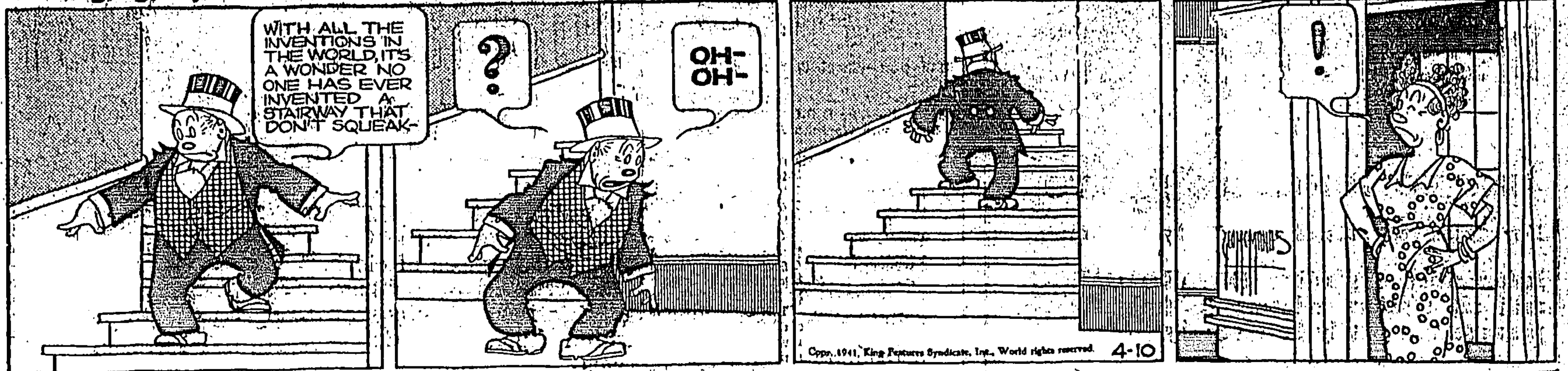


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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Give Your Face A Cleaning--- Young Girls Advised By Beauticians

Young girls in their teens are apt to be careless about skin care. They feel nature will supplement for their carelessness but that is not the case. Nature must be given a hand if you want true skin beauty. And the best way to help is to give your skin a thorough cleaning.

Begin with a thorough cream cleansing. Pat on one layer of cream, massage it a little and remove with tissue. Then put on a thicker layer of cleansing cream and massage that into the skin for several minutes. Remove with tissue.

Now for a good washing. Moisten your soft bristled complexion brush and dip it into the suds of a bland soap. You might wet your skin with warm water first if you wish. Then get busy and work up a good soapy lather on your face. Brush in tiny circles and pay a lot of attention to the sides of your nose, your chin, the corners of your mouth and near your hair line. In those areas little skin blemishes such as whiteheads and blackheads are quite likely to be. Brush them away.

Rinse your skin very carefully with warm water and finish by splashing it with cold water. Dry thoroughly.

For Skin Airing

Now—this will surprise you—don't use a single cosmetic but run out into the open and sun yourself for fifteen or twenty minutes. Let the air and sunshine reach that freshly washed skin. That is marvellous for it.

You might use only lipstick for a week or so—no powder, no other make-up. Let your skin breathe fresh air day and night!

Remember The Neck

I failed to tell you to give your neck the same treatment. You know that the skin on your neck is darker than that on your face



A new lighter than a feather complexion brush, has made its debut with bristles of the right texture for face scrubbing. Every young girl should have such a brush as part of her beauty wardrobe.

and it is likely to get darker and darker unless you use the same creams and make-up on it as you do for your face. Begin while you are young to preserve that youthful throat line which older women so envy. Exercise your neck, too—keep those muscles elastic.

Never go to bed without first washing and rinsing your face thoroughly. All night let your

skin air free of any cosmetic. Daily cleanliness is the secret of skin beauty so see that your skin is kept clean. Any negligence will rob you of some beauty!

Miss Lindsay's booklet ACNE DIET is particularly helpful to adolescents with blemished skin. Thirty daily menus are given. If you wish it, send ten cents in coin to Miss Lindsay, Post Office Box 75, Station O, New York, N. Y.

The Girls Have Their Say...

One of the chronic grievances of mothers is that their daughters do not confide in them.

They say, "They never tell us a thing about themselves if they can help it, and it breaks our hearts for them to shut us out of their lives after all the love we have given them and sacrifices we have made for them."

"We would like to confide in our mothers, but they won't let us," say the girls.

"We know we are young and ignorant and inexperienced, and there are many things that we are uncertain about that we would like to talk over with our mothers if we could do it freely, without bringing down a lot of prohibitions on our heads and furnishing them with food for moral lectures for the next year."

"But the minute we commence confiding in mother, she feels it her sacred duty to hoist a lot of awful warning signs and gets jittery over the dangers in modern life to girls."

"Naturally we are not going to open up to her when the results are going to be a lecture and a lot of don'ts."

"That is why we go on the principle that what mother doesn't know doesn't hurt her. It is a matter of self-preservation."

A Man Needs Variety

And so does a woman, of course. But it is to men and the kind of wife they all need—even if they don't know it—that we're giving this corner to-day.

G. K. Chesterton once said: "Variability is one of the virtues of a woman. It avoids the crude requirements of polygamy." So long as you have one good wife you are sure to have a spiritual harem."

And he was right. But what is a good wife? And the answer to that question is—many different women!

A good wife changes her personality to suit her husband's moods and needs.

Sometimes she is a GOOD SPORT. That's when he wants her to go with him to a football match or some such, and although she can't bear the things and hates being pushed about in crowds—off she trots to wave a hat and shout herself silly with the rest of them.

Then she has to be a SIREN... not the noisy, wailing kind, but glamorous, slightly mysterious and definitely attractive! That's to keep him always wanting to woo her. Because man hates any chase coming to an end!

She must be a HOMELY LITTLE THING ready with a hot meal and a bright smile when he comes home tired.

She must be the kind of COMPANION who knows when to display the silent wisdom of the Sphinx or the chattering noise of any aviary.

She must be a MOTHER to whom he can bring his hurt pride and his worries—sure of sympathetic understanding.

And she must be his BUSINESS PARTNER. That means spending his money so wisely he hardly notices it's gone; and having a sense of time so that she never keeps him waiting unnecessarily!

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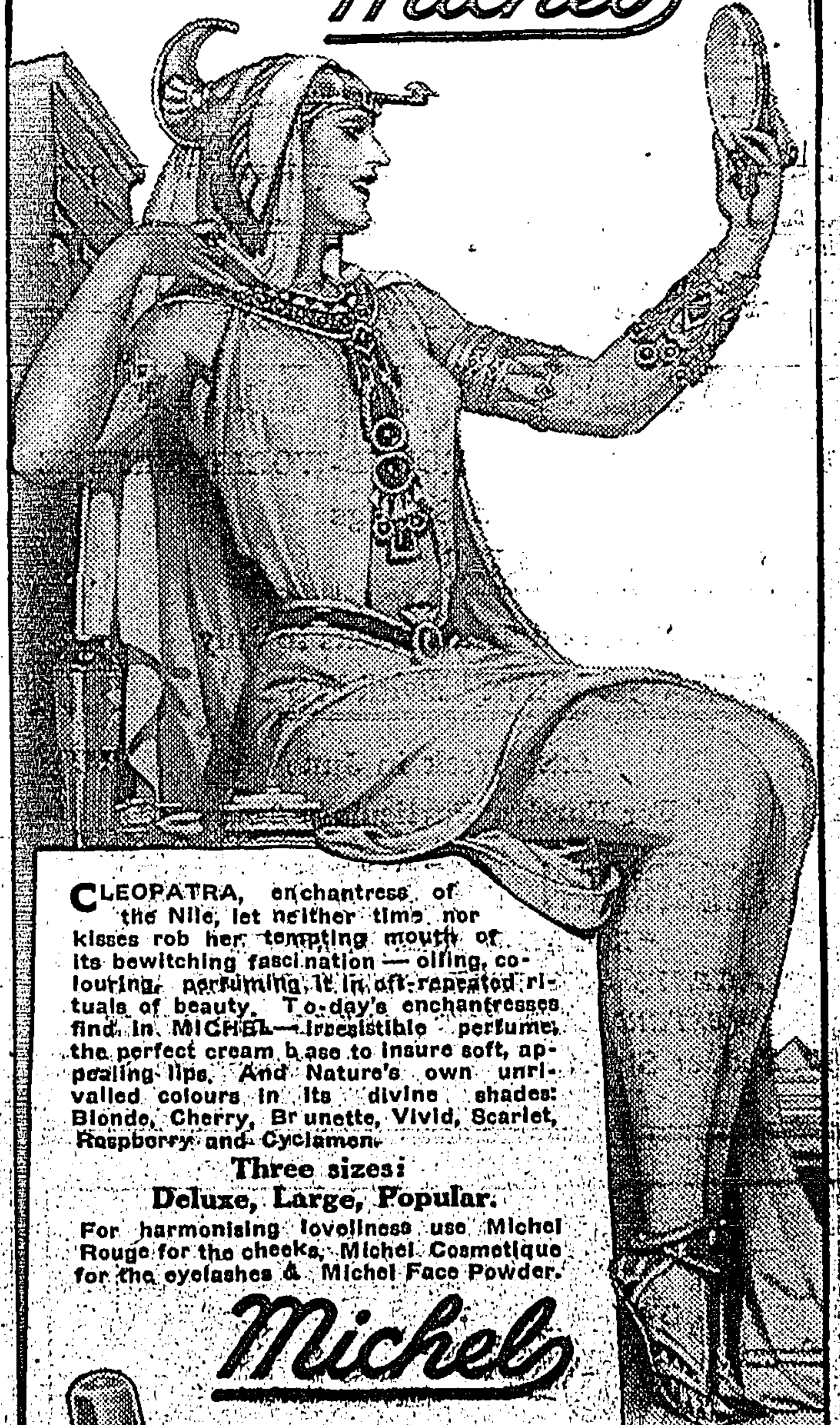
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12.30 p.m.—The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band with Norman Allin (Bass).

"The Black Domino"—Overture (Auber, arr. Winterbottom)...The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band cond. by B. Walton O'Donnell. (Think On Me (Lady John Scott-arr. Moffat); When Song Is Sweet (G. Sans-Souci)...Norman Allin (Bass) with Orchestra. Malaguena (from "Boabdil"—Moskowsky-arr. Lige); La Tarantelle De Belphegor (Roch Albert)...The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band cond. O'Donnell. The Midnight Review (Gluka-Newmarch)...Norman Allin (Bass) with Orchestra. The Crusader March (O'Donnell)...The B.B.C. Military Band cond. by B. Walton O'Donnell.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.01 p.m.—Selections.

"Broadway Melody of 1940"—I Concentrate on You—Fox-Trot...Les Brown & his Orchestra with Vocal Chorus by Shirley Howard. "Under Your Hat"—Together Again...Cicely Courtenidge & Jack Hulbert; If You Want To Dance...Jack Hulbert & The Rhythm Bros. with Orchestra. "Firefly"—Selection...Louis Levy & his Gaumont-British Symphony with Vocal by Eve Becke and Gerry Fitz Gerald. "Naughty But Nice"—Corn Pickin'; I'm Happy About the Whole Thing...Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) with Orch. "Pinocchio"—Three Cheers for Anything...Victor Young & his Orchestra with The Ken Darby Singers. "Follow the Fleet"—Let's Face the Music and Dance—Fox-Trot...Roy Fox & his Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.

You're Breaking My Heart All Over Again (Cavanagh); My Romance (from "The Hulbert Follies"); They Say (Heymann & Others); There's Something About An Old Love (Hudson & Others).

2.00 p.m.—Harold Ramsay at the Organ.

Famous Marches Medley—Intro: The Washington Post; Semper Fidelis; Hungarian March. Tauber Melodies—Intro: You are my heart's delight; Golden Song; In your arms to-night; Serenade; Villa; Impatience; O Sanctissima. Six Great Melodies—Intro: Somewhere a voice is calling; Trees; Until; Perfect Day; At Dawning; Roses of Picardy.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Old Tunes in Swingtime.

Blue Skies (Berlin)...Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) and her Orchestra; Swanee (Gershwin)...Teddy Foster and his Kings of Swing; Alive, Alive-O! (Corry, O'Brien)...Al and Bob Harvey, (Vocal Duet) with Orchestral accomp.; Dark Eyes (Trad. Russian Air)...Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) with Orchestra; Blue Danube (Strauss-arr. Sid. Phillips)...Eddie Carroll and his Swingphone Orchestra; A Brown Bird Singing (Haydn Wood)...Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) with Orch.; Alouette (Trad. Canadian Song)...Horace Heidt and his Orchestra with Vocal Chorus; Avalon (Jolson & Rose)...Val Rosing and his Swing Stars; I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles (Kenbrovin-Kellette)...Ella Logan (Vocal) with Orchestra.

7.15 p.m.—Humorous Variety.

That Night That We Met In A Black-Out (Kester); Who Is That Man... (Kester)...Tommy Handley with Piano accomp.; Virginia and Her Momma...Ivy St. Heller at the Piano. Please Leave My Butter Alone (Mills-Nicholls)...Arthur Askey with Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra, London, and

Josephine Baker (Vocal).

Toy Land Medley—Intro: Teddy Bears' Picnic; Wedding of the Painted Doll; Parade of the "Tif Soldiers"; Punch and Judy Show; The Toy Train...Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Reginald Foort at the Organ. The Loveliness of You (film "You Can't Have Everything")...Josephine Baker (Vocal) with Orchestra. Valse Septembre (Godin, arr. Loket); In The Shadow (Finck)...Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Hollington at the Organ. Supposet (Dixon-Dimon); Pretty Little Baby (Bernie & Others)...Josephine Baker (Vocal) with Orchestra. "Champagne Waltz"—Selection...Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Hollington at the Organ.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

BOMBS IN BOOBY TRAP KILL 2

Twelve stolen Mills bombs in a wire-fitted box, with a piece of cloth felt arranged as a "trigger," formed a booby trap which killed two detectives.

This was alleged at Rochdale, Lancs, when a youth, eighteen, was accused of murder, theft and maliciously causing an explosion.

His father and a third detective were injured by flying metal.

The box containing the bombs had been placed under a stone flag in the cellar of a grocer's shop kept by the youth's father. "The lid had been covered with

pitch," said counsel. "On the top of the lid was a piece of cloth felt, and as Detective-Sergeant T. W. Dale bent down and removed the cloth, he caught the full force of an explosion and was killed immediately. Detective-Inspector H. S. Stables died from injuries soon afterwards.

"Had the explosion occurred after the box had been removed from the hole none of the five men in the cellar would have lived."

Counsel alleged that the accused youth, Raymond Howarth Bury, of Ventnor Street, Rochdale, admitted setting the trap and said he intended putting a glass front on top to warn it was dangerous.

A Thompson sub-machine gun, 1,200 rounds of ammunition, and the twelve hand grenades had been stolen from a military warehouse and the detectives had a warrant to search for them.

Detective-Constable Scade and Bury's father, William Eccles Bury, were injured, and Detective-Sergeant Faulkner suffered severe shock.

It was alleged that Bury told a man named Page that he had stolen the arms and hidden them in a disused mill. Later he moved them to the cellar in Whitworth Road.

The hearing was adjourned.

61 MILLS TO CLOSE

Sixty-one cotton mills are to be closed soon under the Government's scheme for the concentration of industry.

Good progress is being made with the scheme, and about five hundred applications, exclusive of the textile groups, are under consideration.

About 200 are likely to be accepted.

The cotton industry is so far the biggest industry to be immediately affected by concentration. In the spinning section 111 firms have been granted certificates.

The position of a further 229 mills is still being considered.

Freeing Workers

One rayon firm is closing, two of its largest factories, and at least 1,500 workers, mostly women, will be released.

Hundreds of hosier workers will be released and thousands of square feet of factory space made available.

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Other industries in which negotiations have been effected include cutlery, leather, carpets, and toys and fancy goods.

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Hing Wah Middle School Win 2nd Division Honours

Inter-School Basketball

FOLLOWING A VERY HARD AND EVENLY CONTESTED STRUGGLE, HING WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL QUINTETTE WON THE SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE INTER-SCHOOL BASKETBALL LEAGUE YESTERDAY WHEN THEY NARROWLY DEFEATED HON WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL BY 23 POINTS TO 22, AFTER BEING LED AT THE INTERVAL BY 12 POINTS TO 9.

The game was packed with thrills and exciting moments and was played before a capacity crowd on the open air court at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Before this match both teams were unchecked and on level terms and a win for either would give them the championship.

The losers drew first blood shortly after the start and appeared likely champions at the end of the first half, when they were leading by three points.

The new champions, however, changed their tactics after the resumption and threw everything into the attack instead of the man for man tactics adopted in the first period.

The winners took the lead at 15-14 through two accurate shots by Li Wah-chun and Tang Yuk-wu five minutes after the resumption.

Hon Wah drew level when one of the opponents' guards was penalised for obstruction and they scored a foul goal (1 point).

Long Shot Brings Lead

Both sides made numerous efforts to take the lead, and the champions finally succeeded when their winger Tang Yuk-wu scored with a powerful long shot.

The result of the game was still in doubt as both sides scored alternately, but just before the final whistle the champions managed to score the necessary points to give them a 23-22 win and the championship.

Following are the detailed scores:

HING WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL			
	Goals	Foul	Fouls
Li Wah-chun	3	0	1
Tang Yuk-wu	4	2	0
Ng Yim-kwan	1	1	0
Leung Pak-hing	2	0	1
Lam Man-kuen	2	0	1
Total	23		
HON WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL			
	Goals	Foul	Fouls
Lai Yu-mui	1	1	1
So Pik-yuen	2	0	3
Chan Sik-kwai	3	3	1
Ko Siu-fung	0	0	2
Tong Mon-sang	3	0	0
Total	22		

Two Senior Games

On the same court after this game, Pui Ying College (White) overwhelmed Ming Sang College by 82 points 31 and Y.M.C.A. Commercial School beat Hing Chung Middle School by 49 points to 38 both in First Division of the same League.

All the games were played in two periods only.

To-day's Games

Following is to-day's programme of matches in the Inter-School Basketball League sponsored by Chinese Y.M.C.A.:

First Division—Ying Wah v Hon Wah, Second Division—Tai Chung v Hong Kong M.S., Canton University v Ying Wah.



WEBB AND MUSSON ARE BEATEN

In "A" Division of the Army Tennis League yesterday at Soekunpoo, F. A. Staff defeated Royal Army Medical Corps by 2 sets to 1.

Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Musson met with their first defeat in the League.

S. A. Hussain and H. W. Browne (F. A. Staff): Beat Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Musson, 6-2, 6-1.

W. A. Reed and C. S. Clarke (F. A. Staff): Lost to Sgt. Smith and Pte. Gunson, 6-2, 6-3.

A. G. Calpin and G. B. Gurevitch (F. A. Staff): Lost to Cpl. Milne and Pte. Don, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

Pay Corps Win

In the same Division Royal Army Pay Corps beat Royal Engineers "B" by 2 sets to 1.

Col. Ford and S/Sgt. Adlam (R.A.P.C.): Beat Lt. Col. Lamb and Q.M.S. Quinnell, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

S/Sgt. James and S/Sgt. Pinkney (R.A.P.C.): Lost to Cpl. Shaw and Cpl. Hawkins, 2-6, 2-6, 2-6.

Sgt. Carden and Cpl. Ingleby (R.A.P.C.): Beat Cpl. Spence and L/Cpl. Pelham, 7-5, 7-5.

Owing to the bad state of the ground, no H.K. Lawn Tennis League matches were played yesterday.

UNION WIN CUP

Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union won the "Kim Shing" basketball competition (on roller skates) as the result of their win last night over Kowloon Skating rink by 35 points to 23.

The game, which was watched by a large crowd, was one of the best in the competition. The rink team was handicapped by an injury to E. B. Nanak early in the game.

PENALTY FOR DRIVING?

Norman Hellard, one of the best-known Victorian bowlers and winner of the Melbourne Centenary singles in 1934, has written a series of articles which have been compiled in pamphlet form and distributed among Victorian clubs.

Burwood Club, at its Easter carnival, practically banned driving. Only one dead-end was allowed during a game, and if a team repeated the performance a penalty of two points was imposed. This penalty was increased to three points for a third kill, four points for a fourth, and so on.

I have never been convinced of the justification for penalising any form of shot in bowls, writes "Leader" in an Australian paper. The idea comes from New Zealand, but there is little prospect of its becoming popular in Australia.

Hellard, on this subject, writes: "To regard the player who drives as a possible disciple of Larwood in a form of bowls 'bodyline' is a weak outlook on a game, which embodies the skill of rolling a bowl at any width, length or pace."

In one paragraph devoted to "Hints on Practice and Play," Hellard states: "By virtue of the more exacting timing necessary in the execution of the drive, I have found it the most difficult of all the shots, and practised accordingly."

CRICKET STARTS AT 8 A.M.!

University open their summer cricket season on Sunday, June 29, when they meet a team from Queen Mary Hospital at Pokfulam, commencing at 8 a.m. University have not yet decided on their team, owing to the Summer Vacation, but the following will represent the Hospital:

Dr. H. L. Ozorio (Capt.), E. V. Hopkinson, A. Bentley, J. Skinner, Dr. D. J. Valentine, Dr. E. L. Gosano, J. F. McGowan, C. Haynes, Dr. Luie, Dr. C. W. Lam and Mahan Singh.

CANADIAN PITCHER GETS ONLY \$25 WEEKLY

Phil Marchildon will have less money than any other ball player in the majors. Marchildon, young pitcher with the Philadelphia Athletics, is a Canadian and wartime regulations require him to deposit all but \$25 a week of his salary in the Dominion. He gets the rest when he returns home.

Canadian hockey players were required to do the same thing. Marchildon reports for military training at the season's close.

WOODMAN BEATEN ON POINTS

Jack Yama (Stepney) beat Ernie Woodman (Battersea) on points in the final bilinguistic contest for the Southern Area cruiserweight championship at High Wycombe last night. Referee:

H.K. SKATING CLUB STAGE FIRST EXHIBITION BEFORE CROWD OF 2,000

THE NEWLY-FORMED HONG KONG SKATING CLUB HELD ITS FIRST PUBLIC EXHIBITION AT CRO SKATING RINK LAST NIGHT BEFORE A LARGE CROWD.

The programme was a varied and interesting one and gave ample evidence of the hard work and practice that the members had put in for the display.

Interspersed in the programme were several comical acts, most amusing of which was the bull fight. The "bull" slipped twice and had a hind and fore leg broken. The torador (J. Drewery) also slipped and was gored.

Owing to spectators encroaching on the rink, the hockey match between Cyclones and the Club had to be postponed to prevent an accident.

Before the show Mr. R. B. Davier, chairman of the club, said that the objects of the club was to foster comradeship and good sportsmanship among skaters and to bring to the notice of all the benefits of skating. The night's exhibition was given to show what could be done with a little practice.

The success of the venture has prompted the club to hold another exhibition next month, and it is understood that this will be in aid of B.W.O.F. and Chinese Charities. Over 2,000 attended last night.

Participants

Following members took part in the main items:— Fancy Skating:—Miss Mabel Mack and G. Yao.

Comic Skating:—G. Yao and Shieh Tse-wae.

Mixed Trio Act:—Miss Susie Wong, Miss Mabel Mack and Wong Sze-hwa.

Roller Stunt:—D. D. Nien, Chang Kuo-yung, Mabel Mack, Yung Ping-hoi, Miss Colleen Leong, Wong Yung and Kwok Wong.

Acrobatic Skating:—Miss Linda Nig, S. W. Mok and Albert Lam.

Humorous Sketch: (The hawk and the old woman):—Yung Ping-hoi and Chang Kuo-wing.

Bull Fight:—S. W. Mok and Chang Kuo-wing (the bull), J. Drewery (the fighter).

GELLING AND WALLINGTON WIN BY EIGHT

IN THE ONLY GAME YESTERDAY IN THE COLONY LAWN BOWLS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP, J. H. GELLING AND H. G. WALLINGTON BEAT C. LANGLEY AND L. JORDAN BY 22 SHOTS TO 14 AT POLICE RECREATION CLUB.

Langley and Jordan scored a single at the first head and at the 12th were on level terms at 9-all. The Football Club pair then scored 2 1 4 2 1, which took the score to 19-9 at the 17th in their favour. A three at the next head brought the losers closer, but the Valley pair scored a single and a brace at the next heads to make sure of the game.

Langley and Jordan finished up with a two.

PAIRS MATCH POSTPONED

The Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship match between H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, holders of the title for the past two years, and A. Hyde-Lay and G. H. Sherriff, which was to have been played at Kowloon Football Club last evening, was postponed until to-morrow.

The Ribeiro pair, together with Hyde-Lay, were on the ground but for some reason Sherriff did not put in an appearance. Ribeiro and his partner agreed to a postponement.

No other games were played on the Kowloon side of the harbour though in most cases the greens were opened and club members had practice roll-ups.

The hockey match (on roller-skates) between Hong Kong Skating Association and Middlesex, which was to have been played to-morrow evening, has been postponed.

SIX BOWLS MATCHES IN ONE DAY

A marathon bowls performance was given by J. Low, of Belmont, on the final day of the Hunter River district carnival at East Maitland, writes "Leader" in an Australian paper.

He played three singles and three fours matches, and was on the green from 10 a.m. until 8.15 p.m.

Low won the open singles, beating H. Guy (Lorn Park) in the final, 26 to 13. He scored three on the first two ends and was never afterwards pressed. In the quarter-final he beat C. McNeill (Hamilton) by 16 to 7, and P. Rockliff (Lorn Park) in the semi-final by 15 to 11.

Third Singles Success

This was the third time Low had won the Hunter River open singles, and he almost scored the double. His Belmont team, which included T. Steel, S. Flowers and J. Fallins, was beaten in the fourth final by T. Johnson, A. Taylor (West Maitland), C. McLaughlin (New Lambton) and F. Jones (West Maitland), by 22 to 20.

After being down 22-13, Low's team did all the scoring in the latter stages of the game. Low had his second win over Charlie McNeill, up 19-10, in the quarter-final of the fours.

Low has won the Country Week singles three times, but has never won a State title. He represented Australia in the Empire singles, played at Waverley in 1938.

The First Round Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship game between J. W. Leonard and W. Ward and R. P. Phillips and J. McKelvie will be played this afternoon on the Kowloon Football Club green.

The Steel, Coulson, Billiards, Snooker and Darts Leagues, which have for many years been conducted during the Summer months, have been postponed till the Autumn.

It is understood that all postponed matches in First Division of the Lawn Tennis League will be re-arranged after the completion of the fixtures originally arranged, and that these games will be played on Mondays.

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THE QUALITY BEER



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Superiority Apparent At Present

H.B. PITCHING PROBLEM IS A VERY REAL ONE

By "Grandstand"

OLD MAN PLUVIUS DISHED OUT A SAMPLE OF HONG KONG'S LIQUID SUNSHINE DURING THE WEEK-END, AS THE BASEBALL SEASON HEADED SLAP-BANG INTO THE LOCAL FICKLE SUMMER WEATHER WHICH FLOODED OUT THE WEEKLY LEAGUE FIXTURES SCHEDULED FOR RAILWAY CORNER. UNDETERRED, HOWEVER, DAVE LEONARD'S BREWERS AND 'GRANDPA' LEUNG'S CHUNG HWA MAROONS TREKKED OUT TO THE CAROLINE HILL SANDS TO SATISFY THEIR BALL APPETITE WITH A PICK-UP GAME.

Now that the League is three weeks' old, the palpitating public is sort of curious to know what will happen in the next few months. Where will the pennant be flying from? Who will lead the batting and slugging figures? Who will be pitcher of the year? These, and many other similar questions are on the lips of all followers of baseball.

Well, most sports scribblers, and I am no exception, will tell you "it's too early to say for certain." Incidentally, baseball is a game in which this particular phrase can be used 365 times a year, for the only time we can be sure of a game is after the third out in the last inning.

Consistency, both in offensive and defensive tactics is the main factor in deciding a team's overall strength, for it is useless for a team to be able to slug in those extra runs, if the other side can make more runs on their sloppy fielding.

The consensus of opinion is that it will be a two-way fight between U.S.S. Mindanao and Hong Kong Brewers, and this is where we make our start.

Besides being a leg up with their initial victory over the Brewers, Lou Powlowski's Mindanao merry-makers have the stronger hurling staff, with the Potent Polack himself at the head and Muddy Ruel to call on in the pinches. Even maskman Tony Mascavage can be called on for stab duties if the need arises.

On the other hand, Dave Leonard, Brewery brain-trust, admits that his battery of Madeen "Slim" Arculli and Obeir Arculli is slowing up, but if Madeen, who has conceded eight hits in each of their two games, was to hang up his glove, who can be called on to perform mound duties for the beermen?

Leonard's Problem

It is true the Bam himself has a fast blazing one, but what about the Hot Corner? Anyway you look at it, the flinging staff is short-handed. There have been rumours in Beerville of acquiring a new battery, but at this late stage, when all managers have who they believe will turn out to be good players, pitchers are scarce.

Den Cray, recently released from South China, might have been a hope for the Brewers, but Cray has already been bagged by Hong Kong Baseballers. Nope, THE BREWERY OUTLOOK IS FAR FROM ROSY. Suppose Arculli is laid up with a sore arm for a critical game, or suppose George Souza et al are unable to get out of their batting slump, what then?

Although reserve strength is not lacking, the feeling behind the plate and around second base is not one of security. The mounting number of stolen bases and errors will tell in the long run.

Superior Battery

And what about U.S.S. Mindanao? They, undisputedly, have the pitching

TO-DAY'S WATER POLO GAMES

Following is to-day's Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament programme:

AT THE ARMY POOL
Y.M.C.A. v Royal Scots "A"
(7.15 p.m. Referee:—L/Cpl. Dignan)
Navy "B" v Signals

(7.45 p.m. Referee:—R. Goldman)
Navy "C" v Combined Small Units
(8.15 p.m. Referee:—Lieut. Millar)

AT THE "Y" POOL
Navy "A" v Middlesex "A"
(7.15 p.m. Referee:—W. Colledge)
Middlesex "B" v Royal Scots "B"

(7.45 p.m. Referee:—L/Tel. Paul)
5th Regt. R.A. v 5th A.A. Regt. R.A.
(8.15 p.m. Referee:—Rto. Jennings)

advantage, whilst they have the up-to-date lead in the batting and slugging figures. In the fielding department, however, first-base is the weak spot, but, surprising enough, Rabid Robert Strahl has managed to hold the position in the clutches—with a couple of horse-shoes tucked away in his hip-pocket.

Of course, there is the ever-present possibility of Lady Luck taking a hand, and gumming up the works by breaking up the smooth-working team with one of those transfers to another ship. But, that's a different story.

Not many prophets will let go of the comforting tree trunk, and go out on a limb to predict a winner, especially at the beginning of the season, but if the Mindanao mace-maulers do not come through with the bunting, you can bet your last dime this corner will not be the only one to be wrong. There's that comforting thought.

U.S.S. Asheville-Tulsa combination isn't hard to dope, and third place is their best. If Tulsa were able to win all their games in the second round they would not win the pennant, because the inconsistent Asheville team would have lost too many games by the time they hand over the schedule to the Mighty "T".

Mohawks Depleted

The fourth, and not a shade better, will be Chuck Waggoner's Hong Kong Baseballers, whom he prefers to call Mohawks. With the loss of almost all their players from Stanleyville, Mohawks have been hard-hit, but if there is any talent in their reserves, the second line of defence of any team, mentor Waggoner will find it.

Royal Engineers, in their surprising win over the South China nine, displayed a brand of ball they never showed before, but the pitching is still a weak spot, and may call for help. Anyway, even if they do find the punch, they cannot hope to do better than fifth slot.

The Chung Hwa and South China Hitless Wonders are both cellar bound, but with Grandpa Leung's baseball school to draw material from, an improvement in the hitting department may lift them up to a possible tie with Sappers for fifth place.

In losing both their opening games, South China not only slammed the cellar door on themselves, but just about locked themselves in for good.

It's all a puzzle at Caroline Hill. After their impressive display in a friendly tilt, when they managed to hold the Mighty Mindanao to only a 4-1 score, scribes even doped them for a look in at the finish of the pennant scramble, but somehow all has not gone well, and they have never got a full turnout.

Probable Finish

To one man up a tree, this is how the teams will finish come September.
U.S.S. Mindanao; Hong Kong Brewers; U.S.S. Asheville/Tulsa; Hong Kong Baseballers; Royal Engineers; Chung Hwa; and South China.

Owing to the fact that four of the five grass tennis courts at Queen Mary Hospital are at present under repair, members of the staff have not been able to get in much tennis recently. It is, however, hoped to arrange matches with other Departments later in the season.

BROWNS' HITTING ANXIETY

If it isn't one thing, it's another with Manager Fred Haney and his unpredictable Browns, who were expected to be the dark horses of the American League.

Last year the team's pitching was sour.

This year Haney's hitters have gone back on him.

And the result is the same—the Browns are far behind in the race for the pennant.

Haney said he wasn't concerned because he still thought the Browns were a good club.

But, he added, "Of course, I'm unhappy. Who wouldn't be?"

"I can't kick about our pitching. It's all right. Good enough to win most of our games."

"But what can a pitcher do with a row of knot holes stacked against him?"

"How can we win with all our men stranded on base?"

Haney has tried everything, even benching slumping Rip Radcliff, who led the league in hitting most of last season. Slugger Walter Judnich is batting about .230, Harold Child .270 and George McQuinn .290.

In one stretch the Browns dropped four straight by the margin of one run. In each game the club had men on base at strategic times, but hits in the clutch—the ones that win—were not forthcoming.

FOUR OUTSTANDING BRITISH SPORTSMEN IN ROLL OF HONOUR

THIS WAR HAS CLAIMED MANY OUTSTANDING SPORTSMEN. TO-DAY WE PAY TRIBUTE TO FOUR FAMOUS BRITONS WHOSE FEATS WILL REMAIN LONG IN THE MEMORIES OF FOLLOWERS OF SPORT.

MEMORIES of the most thrilling International Rugby finish ever are recalled by the death on naval service of W. G. E. Luddington.

Luddington won the Calcutta Cup and the triple Crown for England at Inverleith in 1923

by kicking a goal from the touchline practically on time.

He was the best goal-kicker of his day and was a member of one of the strongest packs England ever had.

Other forwards in that match were Wakefield, Voyce, Conway, Edwards, Cove-Smith, Blakiston and Gardner.

And they played in front of Davies and Kershaw.

Wood once got up from a sick bed and went straight back afterwards.

A. W. SWEENEY

WITH the death of Wing-Commander A. W. Sweeney in a flying accident, England lost an athlete who, in his day was England's fastest sprinter.

Sweeney, who competed in the Berlin Olympic Games, actually clocked 9.7sec. for the 100 yards three years ago.

His application for recognition of a feat which equalled the British record—held by Eric Liddell and A. G. K. Brown—was rejected on the ground that there were not three competent timekeepers.

Sweeney made a habit of breaking even. Actually in the same season he clocked 9.8sec. in the R.A.F. championships, to equal the native record.

Yet Sweeney thought his best-ever race was in the England v. Germany match the preceding year, when he did 10.4sec. for the 100 metres.

Wing-Commander Sweeney gave up competitive running a couple of years ago.

His only reason was that he had had enough of it and that he was going to play squash.

In fact, he helped the R.A.F. to win the Services squash tournament for the first time.

He held one novel distinction. He was a member of a joint Oxford and Cambridge team which toured South Africa five years ago—but he was not a 'Varsity man'!

Sweeney went because he was specially invited by the South Africans.

JACK REYNOLDS

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY footballers and players of many other English clubs who have toured Holland will regret the death of Jack Reynolds, who for 20 years had been coaching Dutch players in Amsterdam.

He died in a German internment camp not far from the ground he helped to design, and at which he was to be found daily putting Dutch boys through their paces.

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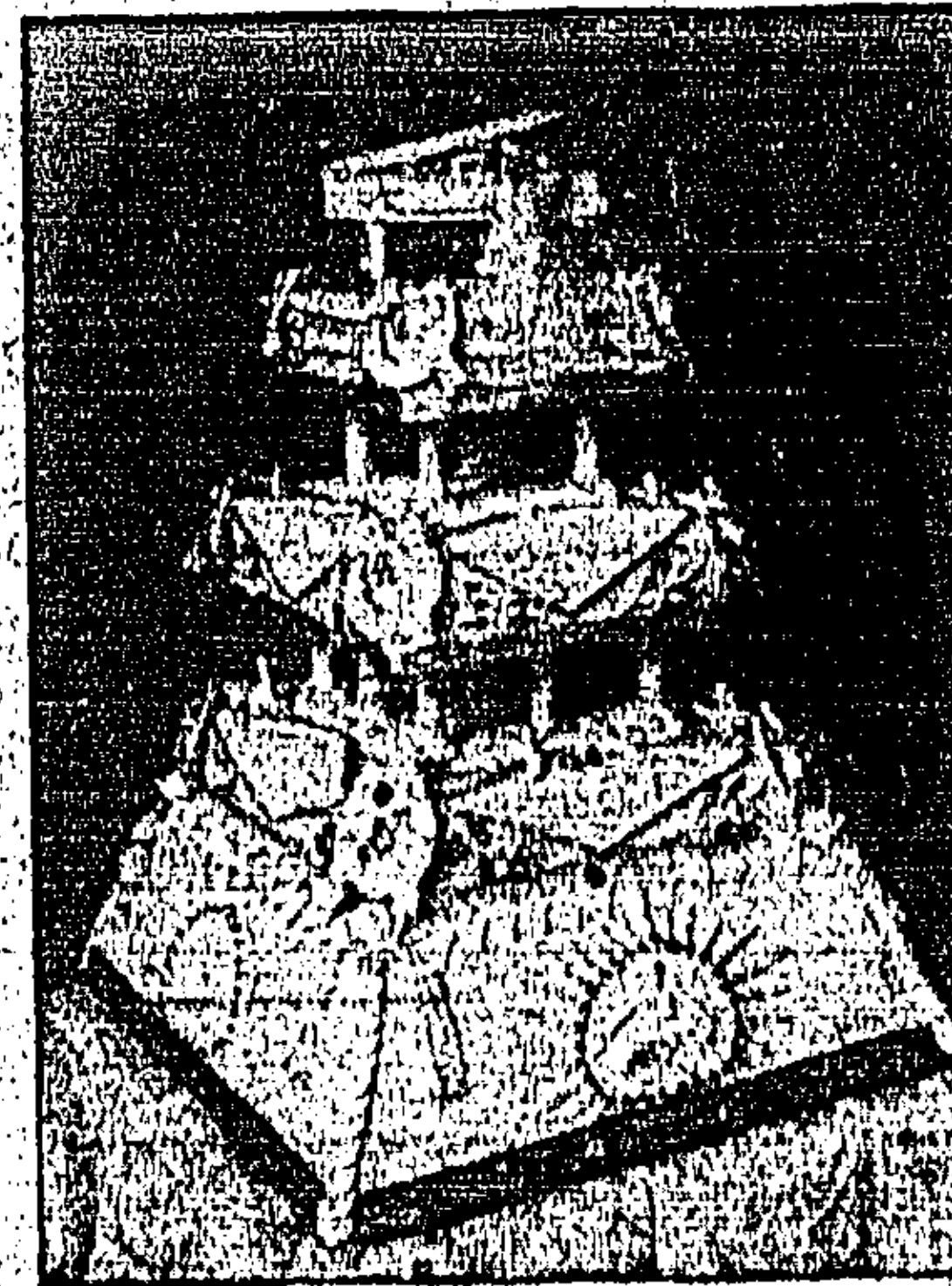
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TANKS CAPTURE PALMYRA

Vichy Forces In Syria May Be Cut In Two

LISBON STEAMER TORPEDOED

The torpedoing of the Portuguese merchant-ship, Ganda, which was reported when 26 survivors out of a total of 16 passengers and 50 members of the crew landed in Lisbon, has excited public opinion in that city.

The Ganda, it was stated, was carrying goods only between Portugal and her West African colonies, as she always did.

"There could be no doubt about her Portuguese markings," says one newspaper.

"The Government will certainly not fail to use every effort to clear up what took place, and we confidently expect the nation to protest indignantly against this wicked act."—Reuter.

HEAVY TANK CLASH COMING

(Continued from Page 1)
German-occupied territory over 15 years of age, to report to the nearest police station for registration within 24 hours.

Odessa Blitzed

The "Daily Express" reports from Ankara that German planes have bombed Odessa on a scale which can only be compared with Rotterdam and Belgrade, and adds that there are indications that the Russians in Bessarabia are merely fighting a rearguard action while the main force is retiring behind the old frontier and the powerful defensive system of the River Dniester.

Similar tactics are expected in Poland and the Baltic States, and, in fact, a message from Berne

Advance In South Beyond Damascus

REPORTS FROM CAIRO are to the effect that British troops have reached Palmyra, in Syria, according to a communique issued by G.H.Q. there yesterday. They are meeting with resistance from a Vichy column.

Allied forces are in contact with Vichy troops west of Damascus, but in the town itself the situation is quiet. On the other fronts fighting is continuing.

First to enter Damascus were Allied representatives. They were greeted enthusiastically.

It was not until some time afterwards that troops were permitted to enter.

First into the city were the Free French, followed closely by British of a famous cavalry regiment in armoured cars, and some Australians.

While the French flag was nowhere to be seen on public buildings of the city, the tricolour borne as Free France's emblem was heartily cheered.

Syrian Government

The Syrian Government met shortly before the surrender of the city and assumed full powers over internal affairs which hitherto have been exercised by the French. They also agreed to give amnesty to all political prisoners.

Later, the Syrian Prime Minister

states that the Red Army is voluntarily evacuating a strip fifty miles wide extending practically the entire length of the Russo-German frontier in Poland.—International News Service.

er, Khaled Bey Alem, and General Gentilhomme met to discuss a proposed treaty whereby Syria would become an autonomous republic.

Rearguard Action

The purpose of the Vichy French in holding out so long after it became evident that the city was bound to fall was to fight a rearguard action in order to cover the retreat in the north-west.

It was believed that the forces would have been able to enter Damascus early in the morning but the unexpected presence of many Vichy tanks and 75's and also troops which had come up from the region of Kuneitra made this impossible.

However, in a little while resistance showed a sign of crumbling and during the morning many Vichy soldiers gave themselves up as prisoners.—Reuter.

Vichy Communique

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
A Vichy communique claims that French military planes heavily bombed important British motorised units invading Syria from Iraq and driving on Palmyra.

The communique says that Damascus was surrendered for political reasons only after the British forces had captured Mezzo aerodrome.

It further states that resistance is continuing beyond Damascus as the tired troops of General Dentz rehabilitate themselves after three days and nights of bitter fighting against heavy odds.

Vichy claims that their French forces have recaptured Abou Kemal.

In Cairo, says the International News correspondent there, it is announced that a large column of armoured cars retreating from Damascus to Beirut were scattered by R.A.F. machines, scores being wrecked and damaged.—International News Service.

Vichy Positions Under Shellfire

Allied troops who went through Damascus have occupied positions at Berze, four or five miles north of the town from which they are now exploiting further northwards, according to military circles in Cairo yesterday.

British and Indian forces advancing from Mezzo are astride the Damascus-Beirut Road, a few miles north-west of Damascus.

On the coast, the Vichy positions about Demour, 10 miles south of Beirut, are now within range of Allied guns.

A British mechanised column which reached Palmyra after meeting air and ground opposition would appear to be thrusting towards Homs which would effectively cut off the Vichy forces in south Syria from the Northern forces.—Reuter.

FINNISH ENVOY AT FOREIGN OFFICE

Conflicting reports regarding the position of Finland in the Russo-German war, lends additional interest to the fact that Mr. Gripenberg, Finnish Minister to London, visited Mr. Anthony Eden at the Foreign Office yesterday, presumably to explain his country's attitude.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Lieutenant H. Davies, residing at No. 71, Kimberley Road, was involved in an accident early this morning. While driving in Chatham Road in the direction of the Star Ferry, his car crashed into a gas-lamp post near Mody Road and he suffered faced abrasions.

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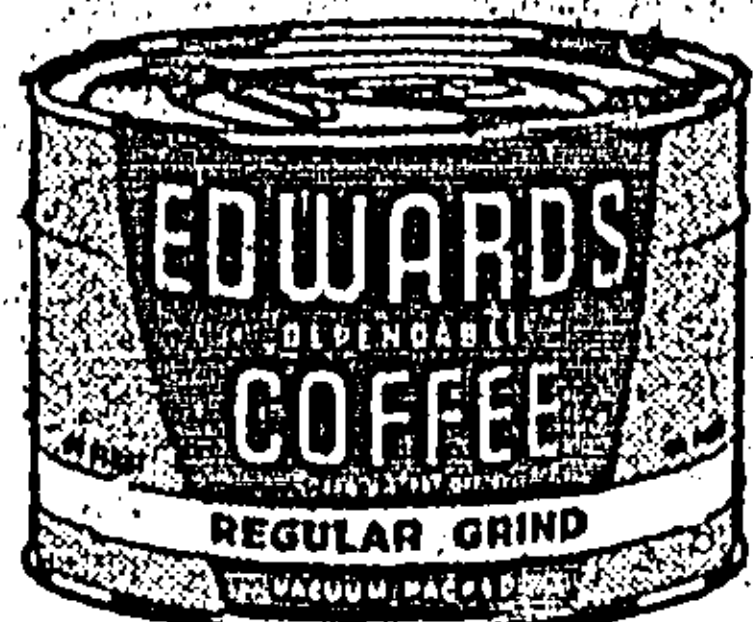
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Soviet War Machine Beginning To Rumble Into Action

ANOTHER K.A.F. SWEEP

The boom of heavy explosions rumbled across the English Channel hour after hour in the afternoon and early evening yesterday when the Royal Air Force struck again in northern France.

Yesterday's operations were on a very extensive scale, with attacks on objectives on the French coast and inland.

R.A.F. fighter squadrons carried out the offensive operations, accompanied by Blenheim bombers.

Less opposition was encountered from German fighters.

Eighteen enemy fighters are so far reported to have been destroyed as against two British fighters missing.—Reuter.

JAPANESE TROOP TRANSPORTS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
The London "Daily Telegraph" carries a report that a ship near Shanghai sighted forty-eight Japanese troop transports and accompanying destroyers moving south in the direction of Hainan.—International News Service.

Conflicting News On Fighting

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ALL RUSSIA TO-DAY RINGS TO THE TREAD OF MARCHING TROOPS AND RUMBLES TO THE MOVEMENT OF HUNDREDS OF TANKS, ARMoured VEHICLES AND MECHANISED SUPPLY UNITS, AS HEAVY UNITS MOVE STEADILY TO THE FRONT FROM MOSCOW.

There seems to be no doubt that the German invasion, despite the events of the previous week, still came as almost a complete surprise, really catching the Soviet on the western front only partially prepared.

GERMAN ACTIVITY IN NORWAY

The Norwegian Telegraph Agency reports a sudden increase of German activity along the south-west coasts of Norway, and that large-scale evacuations of Norwegians have been ordered immediately.—Reuter.

The situation is now, however, being swiftly rectified and impressive masses of men and material are now moving forward, the general mobilisation order working smoothly.

Notable feature of the material passing through Moscow is that hundreds of anti-aircraft batteries are included.

As to the actual fighting, while there seems to be no doubt that there have been violent clashes at several points, it is impossible to cross-check the conflicting Moscow and Berlin reports on the progress of the battle.

The Moscow communique claims that the panzer divisions have been held at bay at every vital point, although admitting that ground has been conceded in Lithuania, Russian Poland and Bessarabia.

German Claims

The Germans, however, insist that the Nazi troops are ploughing deep into Russia all along the 2000 miles front which 2,500,000 Russian troops are defending.

Apparently, the German offensive is taking the form of a four-pronged thrust, down from Finland towards Leningrad, east from East Prussia into Lithuania, across Poland, and north-east from Rumania.

Time Table Advance

The Supreme Command claims that on the second day of the invasion, the German armies are advancing precisely to their timetable schedule, meeting with no serious resistance.

UNOFFICIALLY, HOWEVER, IT IS REPORTED EVEN IN BERLIN THAT SHARP OPPOSITION HAS BEEN MET FROM SOVIET ARTILLERY AND INFANTRY ON SOME FRONTS, AND ESPECIALLY IN RUSSIAN POLAND.

War correspondents indicate that the main German land

MOSCOW IN HIGH SPIRITS

Flushed by the first war communique issued by the Soviet High Command, declaring that the maximum penetration by the enemy was only nine miles, Moscovites went to work yesterday in high spirits.

The effect of the previous night's mobilisation order was seen yesterday when approaches to the main railway stations were crowded with parents and wives seeing off sons and husbands.

Many of these parents are former peasants who found work in the rapidly expanding Moscow and whose sons are now taxi-drivers, machine-gunners and pilots.

Many of these scenes were tearful as the Russians are an emotional people, but there was no doubt of the people's conviction of the strength of the Red army and air force.

NEW OF MR. CHURCHILL'S BROADCAST QUICKLY SPREAD AND HAS DONE MUCH TO PREVENT ANY IMPRESSION THAT THIS IS A GENERAL ASSAULT ON THE COMMUNIST STATE, BUT SIMPLY AN ACTION AGAINST NAZI AGGRESSION.—REUTER.

EXTREME CAUTION THE KEYNOTE IN JAPAN

THE SOVIET-GERMAN war was splashed in all the morning papers and also monopolised all the editorials yesterday in Tokyo. Extreme caution is the keynote and sparse references were made to Japan with a complete absence of speculation regarding the attitude of the Government.

The Japanese High Command had a conference with the key members of the Cabinet yesterday afternoon, and the Press attitude towards the new belligerents seems to be nearly impartial, with speculation on the ultimate outcome left as a big question mark.

The former Ambassador to Tokyo, Mr. Togo, says the capture of Leningrad, Moscow

and the Ukraine will not decide the issue, while Col. Akita, former Military Attaché in Berlin, on the other hand, predicts in the "Hochi" a German victory by the autumn. He draws a moral from the new war in the following terms: "We have been taught how unreliable international treaties are and all we can depend upon is our own nation."—Reuter.



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Treacherous Attack On Soviet Union Condemned

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS FORMALLY CONDEMNED GERMANY'S "TREACHEROUS ATTACK" ON THE SOVIET UNION. THIS FORMAL DECLARATION OF POLICY WAS READ BY MR. SUMNER WELLES AT A LARGE PRESS CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON.

The Under-Secretary of State declared that the immediate issue before the American people was whether Hitler's plan for universal conquest was to be successfully halted and defeated.

He declared that as no communication has yet been received from Russia, the question of granting aid to the Soviet Union under the Lease and Lend Act had not been decided by the United States Government.

Mr. Sumner Welles observed, however, that the Lease and Lend Act authorised President Roosevelt to furnish aid to any country resisting aggression, and added grimly that the United States can "see once more beyond doubt with what intent the present government in Germany negotiates non-aggression acts."

THE ATTACK ON RUSSIA CONSTITUTES A "DIRE WARNING BY GERMANY OF THE HOSTILE, MURDEROUS INTENT BEHIND SUCH ASSURANCES."

Mr. Sumner Welles revealed that the Russian Ambassador, M. Oumansky, had conferred with the United States Government about un-freezing Soviet assets, but the Under Secretary indicated that no decision had yet been reached.

Dangers To America

"Hitler's armies are to-day the chief dangers of the Americas," declared Mr. Welles, who continued that "in the opinion of this Government, consequently, any defence against Hitlerism, and any rallying of forces opposing Hitlerism, from whatever sources these forces may spring, will eventuate in the downfall of the present German government and will, therefore, redound to the benefit of our own defence and security."

"No further proof could conceivably be required of the real purpose and projects of the present leaders of Germany for world domination."

It is now furnished by Hitler's treacherous attack upon Soviet Russia.—Reuter.

Symbol Of Deceit

"The leaders of the German Reich sworn engagements to refrain from hostile acts against other countries are but a symbol of deceit. To the present German government, the meaning of the word 'honour' is not known."

Declaring that both the Nazi and Soviet governments denied their peoples religious freedom, Mr. Sumner Welles continued,

"To the people of the United States this and other principles and doctrines of Communist dictatorship are as intolerable and as alien to their own beliefs as are the principles and doctrines of Nazi dictatorship."

"Neither kind of imposed overlordship can or will have any support or any sway in the mode of life or in the system of government of the American people, but the immediate issue that presents itself to the people of the United States, is whether this plan of universal conquest for the cruel enslavement of all peoples and for the ultimate destruction of the remaining free democracies which Hitlerism is now desperately trying to carry out, is to be successfully halted and defeated."

"THAT IS THE PRESENT ISSUE WHICH FACES A REALISTIC AMERICA. IT IS THE ISSUE AT THIS MOMENT WHICH MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVES OUR OWN NATIONAL DEFENCE AND SECURITY OF THE NEW WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE."—REUTER.

London Approval

Following Mr. Churchill's broadcast regarding aid to Russia, the latest nation to suffer from German aggression, a sympathetic view is taken in authoritative circles in London of the statement by Mr. Sumner Welles on behalf of President Roosevelt.

While no decision of the United States Government on the question of extending Lend and Lease aid to Russia is yet announced, Mr. Welles' statement leaves the impression that the situation is to receive sympathetic consideration. — British Wireless.

SHANGHAI SPECULATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The Russo-German war has stirred speculation in Shanghai that Soviet ships in Manila will transport supplies to Vladivostok. — International News Service.

Halifax At White House

Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to Washington, conferred with President Roosevelt at the White House yesterday.

Their talk was part of the series of conferences which President Roosevelt is holding with State Department and British officials to analyse how the latest war developments will affect the United States.

There is no indication whether the President has reached any conclusion or decisions.

He had a telephonic conversation with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, who is at present kept away from his office by a slight illness.

Afterwards, President Roosevelt had two telephone talks with Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, who later visited the White House personally.—Reuter.

PRISONERS REACH S. AFRICA

A REPORT FROM DURBAN STATES THAT 1,000 ITALIAN PRISONERS FROM NORTH AFRICA WERE LANDED AT A SOUTH AFRICAN PORT RECENTLY, BRINGING THE NUMBER NOW IN SOUTH AFRICA TO OVER 20,000.

It is also stated that 62 officers and men of the German raider recently sunk in the Indian Ocean by the cruiser, H.M.S. Cornwall, have also been landed. These are the first German prisoners to be interned in South Africa. — Reuter.

FINLAND CALM

FINLAND IS CALM SAYS HELSINKI'S CORRESPONDENTS OF SWEDISH NEWS-PAPERS, ACCORDING TO MESSAGES RECEIVED BY STOCKHOLM YESTERDAY.

The correspondent of the "Allehanda" describes the smoothness of the evacuation of women and children from the Finnish capital where there is still no black-out ordered.—Reuter.

GERMAN RAID ON ALEXANDRIA

Twenty persons were killed and 60 injured in an air raid on Alexandria early yesterday morning states a Ministry of Interior communique issued in Alexandria yesterday. Some damage was done. — Reuter.

FINLAND PREPARES FOR RAIDS

Helsinki Radio reported yesterday that the Finnish High Command has ordered protective measures to be taken in all towns and densely populated areas against air raids.

More than 1,000 Finnish children have arrived in Sweden.

An air alarm was sounded in Southern Finland on Sunday night.

A Finnish trawler moving out of Petsamo Fjord was stated to have been fired on by a Russian shore battery.

The Finnish Foreign Affairs Ministry has presented an oral protest to the Soviet Minister about the bombing of Finnish objectives by Soviet planes.—Reuter.

ANTONESCU HANDS OVER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

GENERAL ANTONESCU, THE RUMANIAN PRIME MINISTER, HAS HANDED OVER REINS OF GOVERNMENT TO HIS BROTHER, PROF. MIHAIL ANTONESCU, WHILE HE LEAVES FOR THE FRONT TO TAKE OVER COMMAND OF THE RUMANIAN ARMIES.

Prof. Antonescu has been appointed vice-president of the Cabinet and is to act as chief in the absence of the Premier. The following proclamation has been issued to the army:—

"Smash the enemy to the east and north and liberate your brethren from the Red yoke. Retake Bessarabia and Bukovina." — International News Service.

MALAYA'S GIFTS TO WAR CAUSES

The Malaya Patriotic Fund has sent a further £25,000 to London for distribution for four organizations. The fund has also sent direct to Malta £5,000 for the Malta Air Raid Relief Fund.

In addition the Johore women's section of the Malaya Patriotic Fund has sent £300 for the Queen's Messengers service. This brings the total sum remitted by the Malaya Patriotic Fund to over £310,000. — British Wireless.

MADRID APPROVES TREACHERY

Senor Sandoval, Spanish Foreign Office spokesman, made the first official Spanish comment in Madrid yesterday afternoon on the Russo-German war.

He told a Press Conference: "I can express to you the satisfaction with which the Spanish Government—final interpreter of the feelings of the people—has received the news of the war against Soviet Russia, common enemy of all and against which the war of liberation of Spain was one of the most determined, noble and heroic struggles."

Asked about rumours concerning Spanish volunteers to fight against the U.S.S.R., the spokesman said: "I am not authorised to reply, but I can say that without doubt it is the desire of many thousands of Spaniards."

Diplomatic Talks

The German Ambassador in Madrid, Herr Von Stohrer, on Sunday had a long conference with General Franco after informing Senor Suner, the Spanish Foreign Minister, about Germany's action against Russia.

Yesterday, Senor Suner received the Italian Ambassador and the Japanese Minister, and will see the Turkish Minister to-day.—Reuter.

"SICK," DODGE EVACUEES

"When certain people know evacuated children are coming into the town they fly to the doctors and get a medical certificate to say they are not fit to take them," said Mr. F. J. Saunders, evacuation officer, at Ilfracombe.

He told the magistrates there that he was unable to accept a medical certificate concerning a woman who refused to take two boy evacuees, stating that he was inundated with them.

The woman, Mrs. Annie Cements, of St. Brannocks Park, Ilfracombe, fined £15, was given "five days" warning that the boys would be arriving.

She said she was suffering from heart trouble, but it was stated that she was looking after three men members of her household.

TRIBUTE TO MALTA

HIS MAJESTY THE KING HAS PAID A TRIBUTE TO MALTA'S "UNFLINCHING GALLANTRY AND RESOLUTION."

Replying in a telegram to the Governor of Malta's birthday greetings, the Secretary of State for the Colonies says: "His Majesty thanks you for the message and desires me to say that his thoughts are constantly with his loyal subjects in Malta in the severe ordeal which they are facing with such unflinching gallantry and resolution."—Reuter.

THEFT IN HOTEL

The theft of a watch from his bedroom, at No. 12, Empress Lodge, was reported to the Police by Dr. Harrison, last night.

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NORTH POINT

Polish Cabinet Invitation To The Soviet Government

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"THE POLISH-RUSSIAN question which might have shadowed the outlook of many friends of ours in the West and caused noxious frictions and clashes, I believe may disappear from international politics."

This statement, as made by the Polish Prime Minister, General Sikorski in a declaration, was approved by the Polish Cabinet.

This followed a meeting of the Polish Cabinet to discuss the German attack upon Russia.

The declaration which was broadcast from London to Poland, also declared that Germany, foremost foe of Poland, "has torn asunder an alliance which so long has been the source of our greatest misfortunes."

"By striking at Russia they are undertaking, at a great risk, a task of which the issue is uncertain and must be weakening."

Polish Interest

After declaring that since the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk in 1918, Russia had continually collaborated with Germany, the declaration continued: "We are entitled to assume that Russia will now cancel the Pact of 1939."

"Thousands of Polish men and women including 300,000 war prisoners are still suffering in Russian prisons."

"Should it not be deemed right and honest to restore these people to their country?"

The declaration stated that the German attack "testifies to far greater German weakness than we had suspected."

This attempt to destroy the military power of the Soviet, in order to avoid a threat to the rear of the German armies when they assault the British Isles, can only mean that the Germans fear that military power.

"Also, the quest at all cost for the raw materials of Russia proves the need of such materials." — Reuter.

MURDER ON THE BUND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI'S COSMOPOLITAN BUND WAS THE SCENE OF A MURDER AT 1 P.M. YESTERDAY WHEN A KOREAN, REPORTED TO BE A JAPANESE AGENT, WAS SHOT BY AN UNKNOWN TERRORIST WHO DROVE BY IN A CAR AND OPENED FIRE AT THE KOREAN.

The body of the murdered man has thus far been unidentified and remains a mystery. No papers of any description were found, on the man who carried only a watch and some money. — International News Service.

MR. WINANT ACTIVE IN LONDON

Mr. Winant, the American Ambassador to London, called on the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky, yesterday morning, who later in the day had another conference with Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, to discuss the present war situation between Germany and Russia. — Reuter.

PETAIN SUSPECTS DARLAN

Relations between Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan are once more reported to be very strained, says a despatch from the French frontier to the Independent French News Agency in London yesterday.

According to well-informed sources, Marshal Petain has the impression that Admiral Darlan is trying to get rid of him.

He noticed that in several administrative and ministerial offices, Admiral Darlan's photograph replaced his.

Marshal Petain believes that Admiral Darlan is trying to assure himself of the support of ex-Servicemen and that he has made several powerful allies among the police.

Admiral Darlan on his side has been acting very cautiously and does not even inform his own officers and intimate collaborators of his plans. — Reuter.

CANADA MAY SEND WHEAT TO SOVIET

The Government will shortly review its attitude towards wheat shipments to Russia, with prospects that permits will be granted, states a message from Ottawa. Last autumn Canada refused Russian orders, fearing the wheat would reach Germany. — Reuter.

ENEMY DESTROYER BELIEVED SUNK IN BEIRUT

An enemy destroyer is believed to have been sunk in the harbour at Beirut on Sunday afternoon, states an R.A.F. Middle East communiqué, which says that R.A.F. bombers attacked enemy shipping in the harbour at Beirut, one destroyer receiving a direct hit and is believed to have sunk, while a merchantman alongside a mole was set on fire.

During the previous night the harbour was also raided by Fleet Air Arm aircraft and bombs were seen to fall across the wharves. Australian planes machine-gunned and destroyed a number of Vichy transport vehicles on the Damascus-Beirut road.

R.A.F. bombers early on Sunday morning attacked a convoy of enemy merchant shipping escorted by destroyers along the Tripolitanian coast. One ship of 6,000 tons was badly damaged and other bombs were seen falling close to other ships in the convoy, probably damaging them.

One Italian plane was shot down over Malta yesterday by British fighters, and one more Messerschmidt is now known to have been destroyed by British fighters on June 17, in addition to the six already claimed. One British air-

craft is missing from all the above operations but the crew is safe. — Reuter.

SENSATION IN VICHY

News of the outbreak of the Russo-German war caused a great sensation in Vichy, where up to the last moment it had not been expected, says the Vichy correspondent of the Zurich "Gazette de Lausanne."

Official circles are reserved, the correspondent adds, but certain influential quarters expressed satisfaction that Hitler "aims at undertaking a crusade against Communism." — Reuter.

FINLAND PROTESTS TO RUSSIA

A protest against the bombing of Finnish objectives by Russian planes was made to the Soviet Minister when he visited the Finnish Foreign Minister yesterday says the Finnish Radio quoted by Reuter.

N.Z. Concurs In Policy

THE PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND, MR. PETER FRASER, ANNOUNCED IN LONDON AFTER CONSULTATION WITH HIS GOVERNMENT IN NEW ZEALAND HE WAS IN THE POSITION TO STATE THAT THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT ENTIRELY CONCUR IN THE POLICY LAID DOWN BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN HIS BROADCAST ON SUNDAY NIGHT WITH REFERENCE TO THE GERMAN ATTACK ON RUSSIA.

New Zealand will be glad to associate itself in this matter with His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom. This is the first of the British

SPEEDY ACTION BY R.A.F.

The R.A.F. has given speedy action to Mr. Churchill's promise to Russia of fierce day and night bombing of the Germans yesterday, and within a few hours of the Prime Minister speaking on Sunday night.

Twice yesterday at least bombers accompanied by a large number of fighters, swept over northern France and while their escorts were shooting down 18 German fighters, attacked once again the important industrial plant near Bethune and other targets.

The objectives of the offensive sweep in the evening have not so far been disclosed, but experienced listeners on the English coast were inclined to believe that heavy attacks were being made on German advanced aerodromes.

Two bombers and two fighters are missing while eighteen German fighters were shot down. By contrast very little opposition was met in the first sweep of the day and fighter pilots, particularly the Poles, were glum on their return at the disinclination of the enemy to fight.

On Sunday night north-west German naval ports, chiefly Bremen and Wilhelmshaven, were hammered. — Reuter.

Dominion Governments officially to endorse the "British aid for Russia" policy announced by Mr. Winston Churchill on Sunday. — Reuter.

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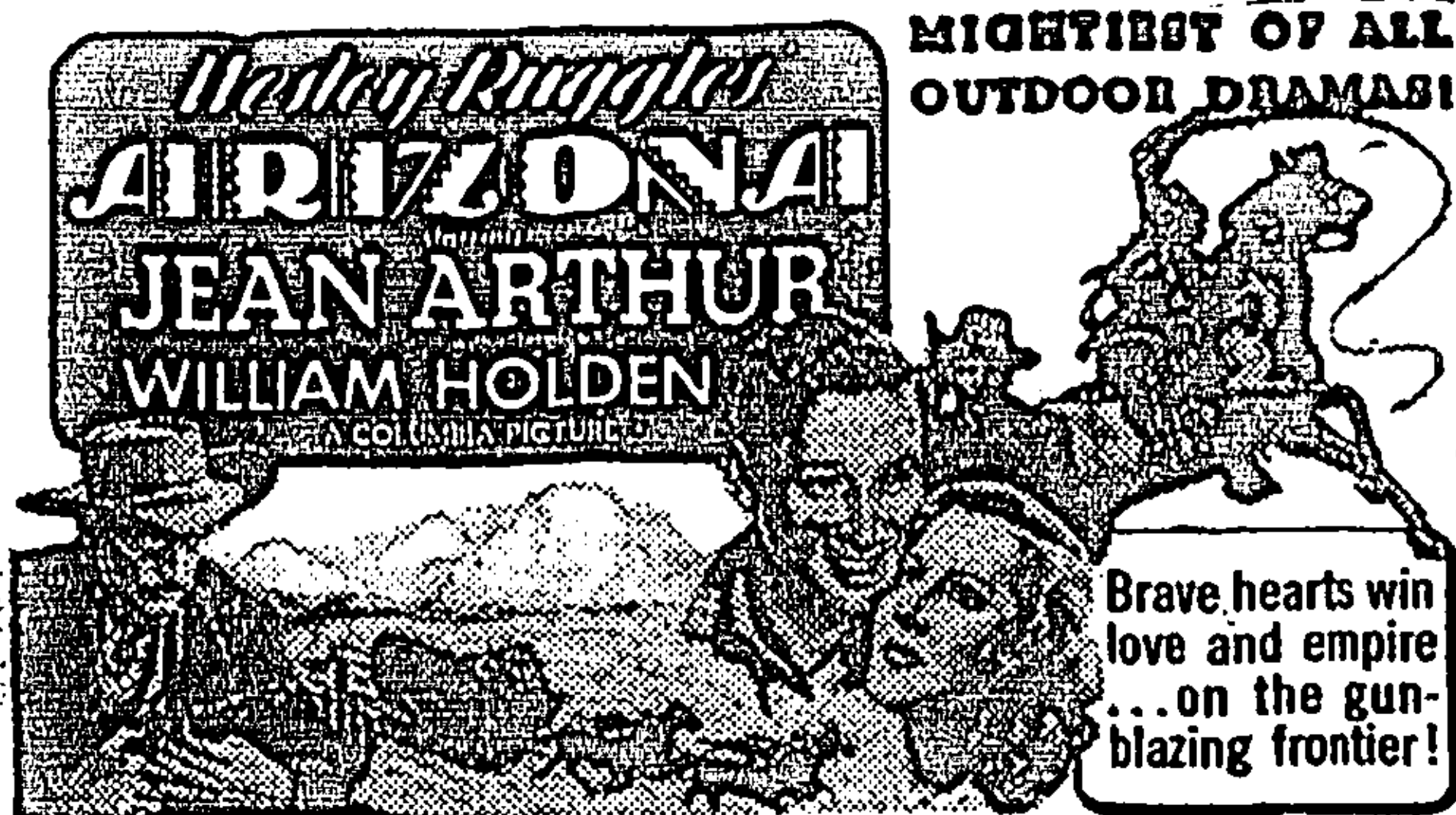


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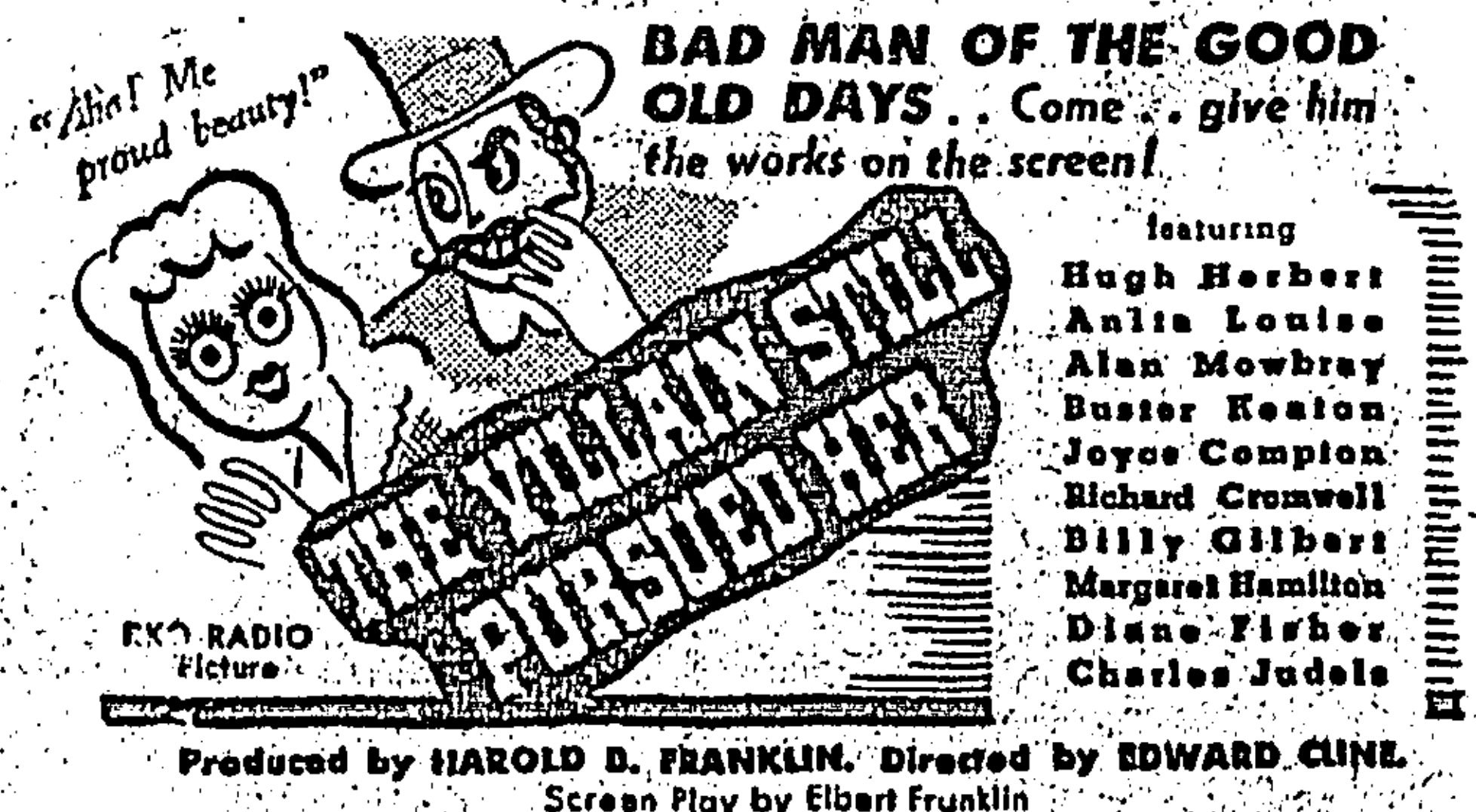
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SWEDISH CABINET HOLDS EMERGENCY MEETING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

KING GUSTAV OF SWEDEN, who hurried to Stockholm yesterday, in response, it is hinted in well-informed quarters, to a German demand that Sweden define her attitude, summoned an extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet.

The meeting lasted for several hours, but no official announcement has been made regarding the agenda or the decisions reached.

It is stressed in official quarters in Stockholm, however, that Sweden will take every possible step to preserve her neutrality, and all Swedish shipping in the Baltic has been ordered to make for the near Swedish report immediately.

News from Norway of large-scale German troop movements has excited Swedish opinion. Although the German concentrations appear to be chiefly in the western and south-western areas of Norway, it is felt that this may be a precautionary move against British military operations, which might be undertaken if Germany took hostile action against Sweden.—International News Service.

LARGE SCALE EVACUATIONS

A sudden increase in German activity on the south and west coasts of Norway is indicated in reports reaching the London Norwegian Telegraph Agency.

German troops are reported to be constantly moving westwards from Oslo, and a large part of the coastal region has been declared a fully prohibited area and permits for entrance to and exit from it are issued only very exceptionally.

The area extends inland for about 60 miles from the north side of Nord Fjord and then southwards passing the head of Sognefjord and Hardanger Fjord, and as far south as Krageroe on the south coast.

Large scale evacuations of Norwegian citizens are being undertaken with drastic suddenness.

In the Oberland district, near Trondheim, large cultivated areas are being taken over by the Germans. Farmers are being driven out at a moment's notice, and at one place the Germans even set fire to some barracks in order to clear the ground.—Reuter.

ITALIANS UNDER CONTROL

ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO PREVENT ANY ITALIAN NATIONALS FROM LEAVING THE UNITED STATES PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN ORDERED.

The Department of Justice in Washington announces it has issued instructions to this effect to immigration and border patrol officers. This action duplicates the step taken against Germans on June 18.—Reuter.

8,000 PRISONERS AT JIMMA

Italian prisoners taken at Jimma are officially estimated at 8,000, states a London report. These include one Corps Commander, two divisional commanders and eight brigadiers.—Reuter.

JUST A REMINDER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

GERMAN PLANES YESTERDAY MORNING, JUST BEFORE DAWN, DROPPED BOMBS ON LONDON FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR MANY DAYS, APPARENTLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING A REMINDER THAT ALL NAZI BOMBERS HAVE NOT BEEN DIVERTED TO THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

The London alert was, however, brief and only a few bombs were dropped, doing little damage and causing no casualties.

The R.A.F. is still raiding Germany and the invasion ports in powerful force.—International News Service.

BIG ORDER FOR HUGE BOMBERS

It is understood that 200 aircraft are involved in an order which Mr. Hope, Canadian Munitions Minister, announced had been placed with the National Steel Car Corporation for Martin B-26 twin-engined 13 ton bombers. Excluding the cost of engines, propellers and instruments, it totals 25 million dollars.—Reuter.

TURKEY ASKS QUESTIONS

While Turkey has proclaimed her neutrality in the German-Soviet war, she has asked Germany to define her aims with regard to Russia, and particularly territories of Caucasus, reports the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French Agency.

It is stated in Istanbul that a British Military Mission is leaving Egypt for Moscow to co-ordinate the war efforts of the two countries. The Soviet Black Sea fleet was sighted yesterday cruising in the neighbourhood of the Bosphorus.—Reuter.

International News says that the Turkish Government yesterday issued a decree proclaiming a state of siege throughout the country.

President Inonu has gone to Istanbul for an emergency meeting of the Cabinet, while von Papen and M. Sarajoglu have had further conversations.

Official sources refuse to indicate the Government attitude, but unofficially some express the hope that Germany's break with Russia will benefit her relations with Turkey.—International News Service.

NOT ALWAYS WHOLE TRUTH

Sir Walter Monckton, Director-General of the Ministry of Information, speaking in London, said: "We want to tell you everything as promptly as we can, but while we will tell you the truth and nothing but the truth, it is not always safe to tell the whole truth."

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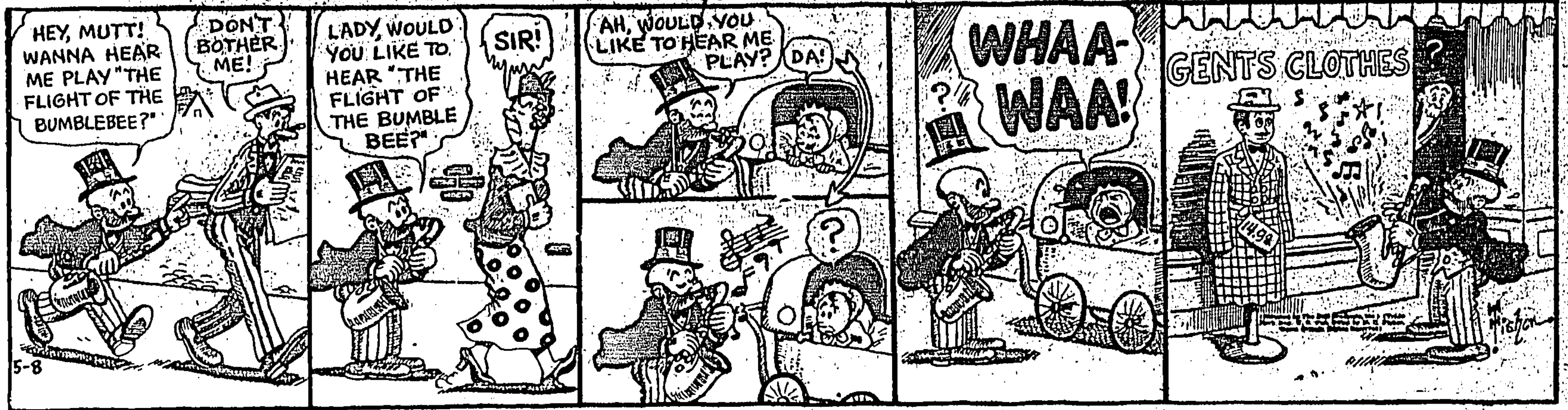
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The previous record was held by "Ben Hur," which ran for

forty-nine weeks at the Tivoli fourteen years ago.

Not only has it made a fortune for David Selznick, who spent £800,000 making it, but made Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh the "most seen" personalities in films.

Receipts in Britain have already reached £250,000, although it has only been shown in a dozen localities.

In London alone it has taken £120,000, and there are still queues at the Ritz.

Manchester's run at one cinema lasted for twenty-four weeks and produced £34,000.

Of this, one old woman of sixty paid £3 3s. in seeing the film fourteen times.

Beat All Records

Equally popular at Birmingham, it brought in £31,000 in seventeen weeks.

Even in Scotland, where they think twice before paying a 3s. 6d. minimum admission, it beat all records at Glasgow, Dundee, and, believe it or not—ABERDEEN!

It is estimated that a further £750,000 will follow when it is generally released in the autumn—the exact date is not yet set.

This will bring the figures in Britain up to £1,000,000—far ahead of the total registered by any other film.

CANALS TO CARRY FOOD

Britain's vast network of 3,600 miles of canals and inland waterways, neglected for years, will soon be as busy as they were in the days of their Victorian prosperity and will be playing a vital part in speeding up the country's war transport system.

Since his appointment by the Minister of Transport to investigate the canal system, Mr. Frank Pick, former L.P.T.B. vice-chairman, has been getting a move on.

Taking the Minister at his word that "speed is the essence of the case," he has been roaming the country, probing the use—and disuse—of our canals, only coming back to town at intervals for hurried conferences with his chief.

Now, without waiting to submit a final report on his investigations, he has handed the Minister an interim report containing a number of recommendations.

Cutting Out Waste

The "Daily Mirror" understands that Mr. Pick's proposals include:

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The Minister of Transport is so much in agreement with Mr. Pick—recently he confessed himself "becoming very bargeminded"—that he has already started putting some of the earlier recommendations into practice without waiting for the completion of the inquiry.

DE-RESERVED MEN AS GUN-FODDER

This is what Mr. J. Marchbank, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, says about the coming comb-out of the reserved occupations:

"It seems to me imperative that we should realise that what might be called the reserve of the industrial army is being levied, not for war industry, but to feed the querulous and insistent appetite of the military authorities for cannon-fodder."

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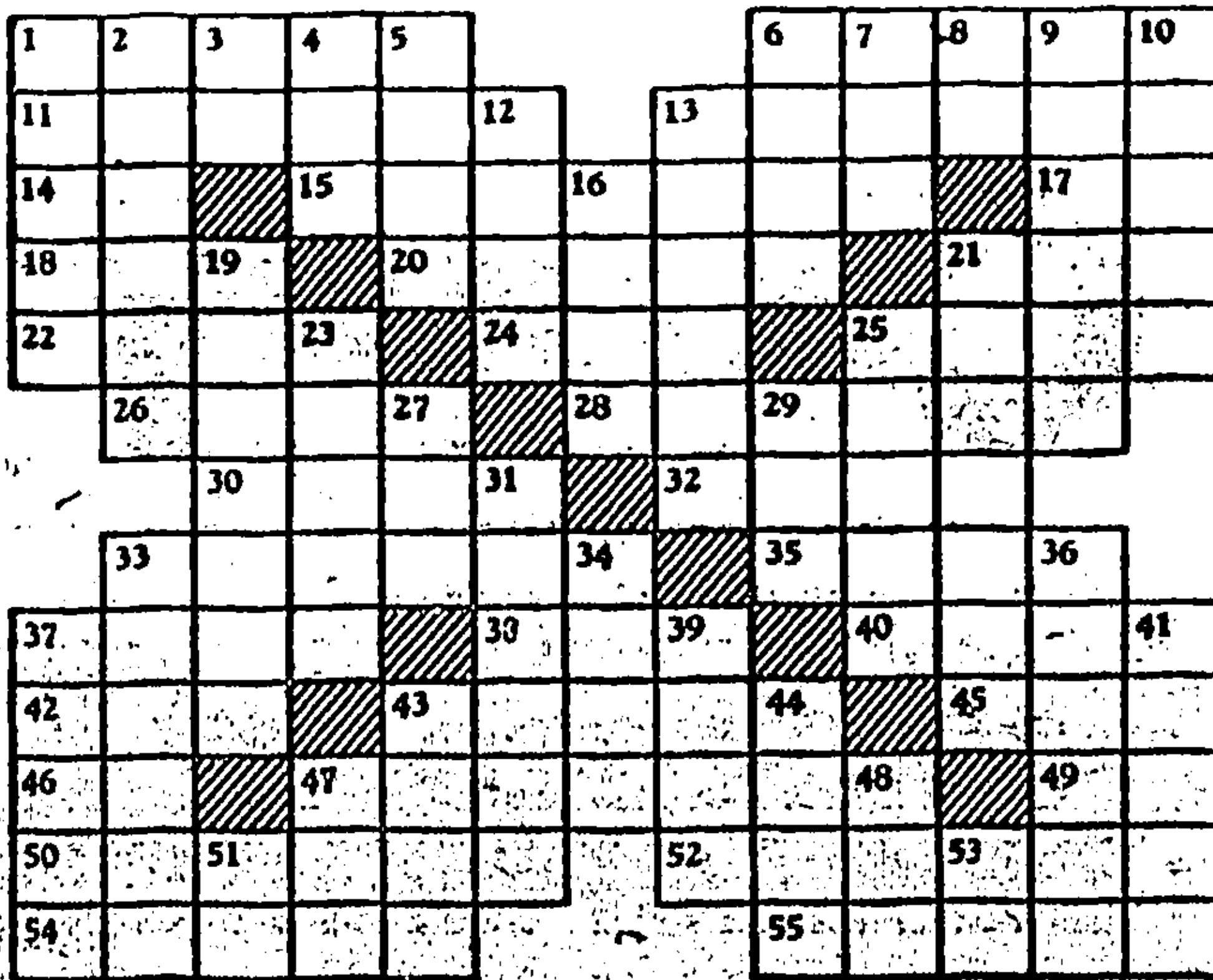
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TALK OF HIGH WAR WAGES IS "NONSENSE"

Mr. George Gibson, Chairman of the T.U.C. General Council, criticised Mr. Bennett, a Metropolitan magistrate, and "aristocratic people in London" who had commented about the wages of war workers.

He told the annual conference of trade union women in Leeds that Mr. Bennett seemed to have the idea that income tax had gone up to 10s. in the £ because war workers were earning £5 a week or more. "It is easy to talk nonsense with an Oxford accent," he declared.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



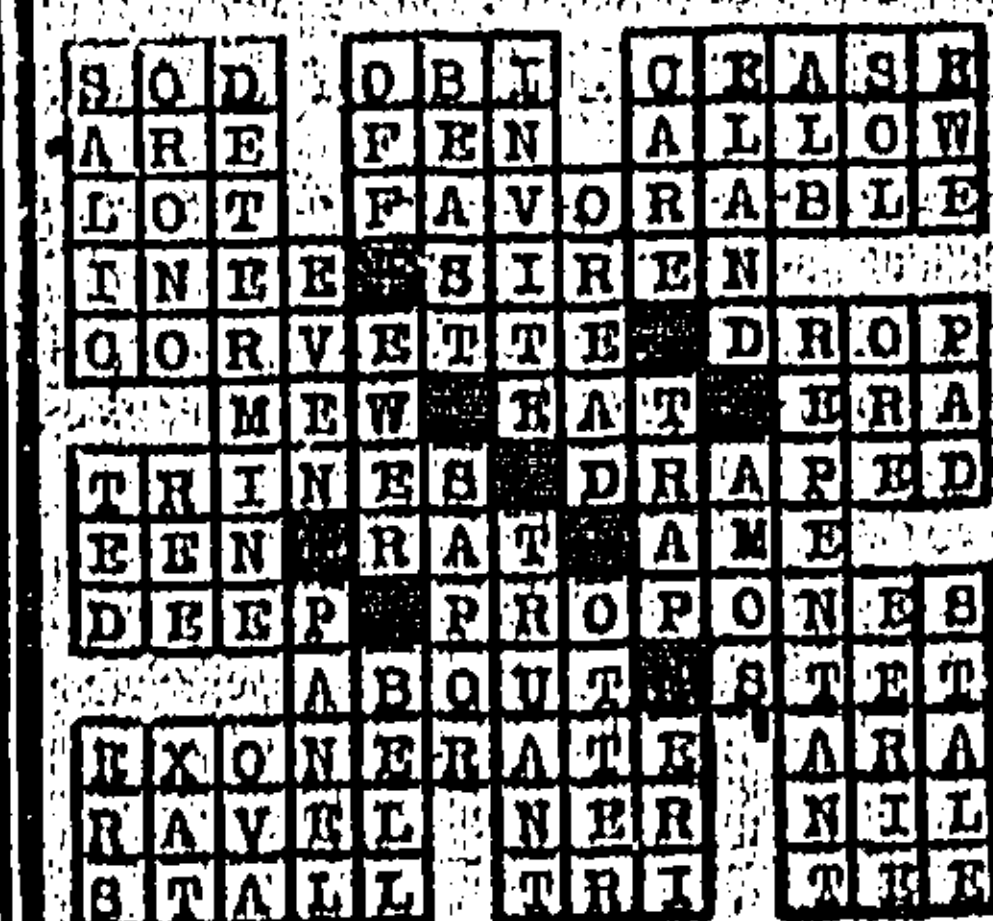
HORIZONTAL

1. Tempest
6. Extra
11. Containing orifices
13. Pertaining to memory
14. Land measure
15. Workshop
17. Symbol for slum
18. Man's name
20. To rub out
21. Greek letter
22. Square of three
24. Worm
25. To dull
26. To remove
28. Perceived
30. Nothing but
32. Weaving machine
33. To place
35. One
37. Shelter
38. Scoundrel
40. Ghostly
42. Mother of Peer Gynt
43. Particle
45. To petition

VERTICAL

1. European country
2. Extremely hot
3. Conjunction
4. Kiwi
5. Speechless
6. Large sword
7. By
8. While
9. Reveled
10. Splendor
12. Withered
13. Mass-book
14. Final
16. Herb of buttercup family
21. Toes
23. To choose
25. To make amends
27. Epoch
29. French coin
31. Engraved
33. Interior
34. Head organs
36. Armistices
37. To mock
39. Writing-table
41. Period of time (pl.)
43. Slipped
44. Egyptian measure
47. Insect
48. Portuguese title
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BRIGADIER GIVES INSIDE DOPE ON BATTLE FOR CRETE

BRIGADIER INGLIS, one of the New Zealand commanders in Crete, who is now in England has given an account of the Crete operation.

He explained that the bulk of the defenders of the Island had been evacuated there from Greece. Many of them were non-combatants and unarmed, and therefore unable adequately to contribute to the defence of the island.

It had been impossible to evacuate them to Egypt for the same reason that it was impossible to make good the losses in equipment of the troops evacuated from Greece to Crete, namely the overwhelming difficulties imposed on shipping by the control of the air by the enemy.

Further, the ports and beaches on Crete had been heavily dive-bombed for some time before the actual invasion of the island took place.

Describing the first day of the invasion, Brigadier Inglis said that a terrific circus of aircraft of all types came in from the north. They carried on for hours heavy bombing and machine-gunning.

Then parachutists were dropped.

At Heraklion, these mostly fell among our troops and were soon dealt with, and in a short time were captured by the Australians and New Zealanders.

Air-borne troops and large quantities of weapons which were landed next day by aircraft carrying out a continuous bus service between the island and the Greek mainland played a more important part than the parachutists. The German parachutists, said Brigadier Inglis, were young, not particularly tough, and fairly easily disposed of.

No air force sufficient to deal with the huge masses of German aircraft could have operated from the three Cretan airfields. While Egypt was too far away as a base for fighter aircraft, the German bases on the Greek mainland were so close as to have rendered it hopeless to maintain fighter planes on certain airfields.

The Cretan operation was dominated by the German air superiority.

Referring to certain reports that our methods had become obsolete, Brigadier Inglis said that that was far from the truth. Crete had proved the enormous power of the bayonet charge by well-trained determined troops. It was the thing the Germans feared most.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE KILLED BY GUERRILLAS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
TEIKO SADA, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE JAPAN TOURIST BUREAU IN SHANGHAI, WAS SHOT BY CHINESE GUERRILLAS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY ON SUNDAY, WHEN HE TRIED TO SAVE THE LIFE OF A JAPANESE MOTORIST.

Ten Chinese halted the motorist in an attempt to kidnap him when Sada and a party of seven Japanese youths and two girls rushed to the rescue. It was at this stage that Sada was shot. The report coincides with the news that Chinese guerrillas are extremely active in the outskirts and frequently attack Japanese civilians travelling in cars.—International News Service.

PRUSSIAN JACKBOOT STAMPS

The Prussian jackboot is stamping heavily on German workers in order to force them to produce more and more fodder for the insatiable military machine.

Here are four instances of savage action by East Prussian courts.

They are published by "Die Zeitung," the Free German daily in Britain—one man was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for not returning to work after his holidays.

A seventeen-year-old typist went to prison for five months for not returning to the work for which she had contracted after her leave.

A plumber released from the army for work of war importance failed to report to the firm to which he was assigned and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. A milkman was given eight months' imprisonment for leaving work without resigning.—British Wireless.

AGAKI FUNERAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The funeral of Mr. Akagi, Shanghai Municipal Police Deputy Commissioner, who was slain by a terrorist recently, has been arranged to take place tomorrow when only a few have been invited to attend. Special precautions have been adopted.—Reuter.

VICHY'S FORCES SURPRISED

A cable received from the war correspondent of the Free French Forces in Syria states: "The Vichy authorities have abstained from informing soldiers of the presence of Free French forces in Syria.

"Nearly all officers and men made prisoner expressed the greatest astonishment at the presence of such considerable bodies of Free French troops.

"Two of many examples are particularly illuminating—the Captain of a Chad unit saw, driving up to him, a mounted orderly bearing a message from a Colonel giving the order to attack as Kisswe had just been captured. The Captain sent back the messenger for more detailed information. The latter came back saying his superior officer was coming to explain matters. The officer of the Vichy troops, himself a Captain, thereupon came up furious, asking excitedly why the order had not been carried out as soon as received.

The Free French Captain, immediately realising the situation, replied the someone had evidently blundered and asked the visitor to hand over his revolver before any further explanation.

In another incident, a flying sergeant who had been piloting a Dewoitine brought down yesterday, adamantly refused to believe for some time that he had landed in the Free French force's line.—British Wireless.

43'S TO REGISTER

It is announced that on July 5, all men born in the years 1898 and 1899 will be required to register for employment in war service.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE CONFUSED BY DEVELOPMENTS

"CONFUSION OVER THE Russo-German war cannot be more confounded than in Japan," writes the influential "Washington Post" under the title "Japan's Dilemma."

Convinced that the Moscow-Japan pact was engineered by Hitler, the "Post" adds that neither Berlin nor Tokyo gained any advantage from the agreement which was signed mainly for formality since neither side respected or trusted the other.

Before the Pact days, the "Post" points out, a Nazi-Soviet clash would have been a golden opportunity for the militarists of Japan to seize the Siberian Maritime Provinces.

"So it looks if the Japanese now might forget the empty Russo-Japanese Pact and intervene in the Russo-German war. Such an act on Japan's part might be to Hitler's liking, now he is engaged in war with Russia.

"However, any such Japanese move would not benefit Hitler in the long run but, on the contrary, might prove the first step of the Japanese in breaking away from their Axis arrangement with Hitler."

Senator Claude Pepper advocated United States aid to the Soviet, echoing Mr. Churchill's radio broadcast. He declared: "Our policy is to defend America against Hitler and to help others—Britain, China, Greece, Russia or any other people—to fend Hitler off."—Central News.

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HOIST WITH HIS OWN PETARD

The predicament in which Soviet Russia finds herself to-day arouses less sympathy than has been accorded to any previous victim of Herr Hitler. There never has been a more glaring example of the utter futility of a policy of appeasement in dealing with a cold calculating madman like Hitler, but it is difficult to overlook the fact that Stalin has had no compunction about profiting by Hitler's depredations in Europe and has been guilty of equally naked aggressions against Poland, Finland and Rumania. It may be contended, with a certain amount of truth, that Stalin's primary interest was the strengthening of Russia's strategic position against this very thrust by Germany, but it would be easier to give expression to a mood of ready forgiveness if the Kremlin had been quite frank about it, instead of seeking to justify its actions by the same sort of incredulously stupid charges as were made by Herr Hitler on Sunday against the Soviet.

Disinclination to forget the part that the Soviet has played in Europe in the last two years will not, however, diminish the will to assist Russia by every means in our power. If Russia is not our ally, she has been attacked by Germany in defiance of prior treaty engagements and a common interest with us is established. More than that, it is in our own direct interest to stiffen the Russian resistance to the German steamroller as far as lies within our capacity, to the utmost of our capacity. It is no time for recriminations or ideological calculations. Hitler's attack upon Russia is but part of the wider German strategy which has as its final aim the smashing of resistance in the British Isles and the completion of his conquest of the Western Hemisphere. He wants the Ukraine and the Baku oilwells to exploit their resources for use against the British Empire. And we are placed in deadlier danger if he succeeds, as some observers think he may, in running through Southern Russia like a knife through butter. It is not, however, such an easy task that Hitler has set himself. Experience in the Ukraine in 1918 will not be far from the minds of the German General



MUSIC HATH NO CHARMS.

Freedom And The Worker

By
Harold Laski

THE protection of civil liberties must be a vital preoccupation of a Britain which proposes to emerge from war with its democratic foundations uninjured. The Government has powers little short of absolute over the lives and property of its citizens. How has it used those powers?

From letters which have reached me from the United States it is clear that there are some people who have judged our position rather in terms of the powers conferred by Parliament on the Executive than in terms of the latter's exercise of them. Some incident, above all perhaps, the suppression of the "Daily Worker" has struck their imagination, and they have assumed that the war-powers of the Executive have deprived us of the major freedoms. It seems to me, a matter of interest and importance to analyse the use of the Emergency Powers by the Cabinet. Only in that way can the outsider get a real perspective about our situation.

I take first freedom of the press. Here two papers, both of them Communist, the "Daily Worker" and the "Week" have been suppressed. In each case the suppression has been by an executive act from which there is no appeal to a Court of Law. I myself have regretted that the alternate regulation, which permits such an appeal, was not used by the Home Secretary. In the debate in the House of Commons on his decision, however, he was upheld by an overwhelming majority.

Under the regulation which permits the prosecution of persons charged with creating alarm and despondency, there have been 105 cases. In only twenty of these have sentences of imprisonment, varying from one day to three months, been imposed. In the remaining cases, the offender has

been either bound over or fined, and in twelve of them the case has been dismissed by the magistrates. In fourteen of the cases where fines have been imposed, these have, on review by the Home Secretary, been either remitted or reduced.

Under the regulations dealing with acts of sabotage, there have been four convictions, all, significantly enough, occurring in June, 1940. Two of the accused were sentenced to three months' imprisonment, and two were fined.

Under the regulation dealing with power over processions and public meetings, public processions of a political character have been banned in London (as they have largely been since the Fascist unrest of 1936) but not elsewhere. Three meetings have been prohibited in the whole country.

A drastic regulation gives the Home Secretary the power to detain persons whose conduct or views make it seem likely that they may be guilty of action prejudicial to the safety of the realm. Under this power, some 500 persons, who possess British nationality, but were of Italian origin, and were believed to be in sympathy with the enemy, were interned on the outbreak of war with Italy. About 200 of these have since been released. About 700 persons have been interned because they were active supporters of the British Union of Fascists. Sir Oswald Mosley's organisation. About 400 of these, mostly the lesser fry, have since been released. About 400 persons have been detained because, owing either to their hostile origin or associations, there was ground for believing that they were in sympathy with the enemy. Of these, 130 have since been released. The total number of persons now under detention as a result of orders from the Home Secretary is 820—of whom 790 are men and 130 are women. All of them have been informed of the charges against them and permitted to state their case against detention to a powerful Advisory Committee in the Home Office over which an eminent Liberal lawyer, Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., has presided. Most of the releases ordered by the Home Secretary have been

the outcome of this Committee's recommendations.

Two other classes of cases merit a word. There have been some hundreds of cases of investigation of persons by the police, resulting, on occasion, in search of premises and examination of persons. These have been the outcome, in over ninety per cent. of the cases, of information sent to the police of alleged offences e.g. signalling to enemy aeroplanes on the part of the person investigated. The duty of investigation in cases of this kind cannot, I think, be denied. It cannot either be denied that there have been occasions on which the police have acted with stupidity and harshness.

An important issue has just arisen over the decision of the B.B.C. not to employ any person who supports the People's Convention, the recently formed and Communist-inspired organisation to promote revolutionary defeatism. This decision has aroused wide protest already. There can be no doubt that it is an indefensible decision, utterly alien from the Government's own attitude to those of its employees who participated in, or have given support to, the Convention.

This is the record as it stands so far. Roughly, this is to say, some 1,600 citizens are or have been detained for various periods; some 150 people have been fined amounts up to fifty pounds; and twenty-three people have been imprisoned for periods not exceeding three months. As one to whom civil liberty is a matter of the deepest urgency, I cannot believe that anyone with a sense of proportion can regard these figures as indicative of a desire in the executive to mar the freedom of the citizen. There have been stupidities, even brutalities, on the part of the police. One or two magistrates, in "alarm and despondency" cases have played the fool on the bench. More than that the record does not permit anyone seriously to claim. In the most important case of detention, that of a well-known Communist figure, I have myself carefully investigated the issue. I should myself have ordered his internment on the evidence; I add that on that evidence. In either Germany or the Soviet Union, his execution would have been inevitable. I do not therefore accept the view that he is a martyr of a Government careless of working-class liberties. On the contrary, the mildness of his treatment is in striking contrast to the seriousness of his offence.

Staff, and they have to deal on this occasion with a population far more skilfully versed in sabotage. But we must do our part. The harder we can make it for Hitler the better it will be for us. The sole consideration of any real importance is that when we help Russia, we help ourselves.

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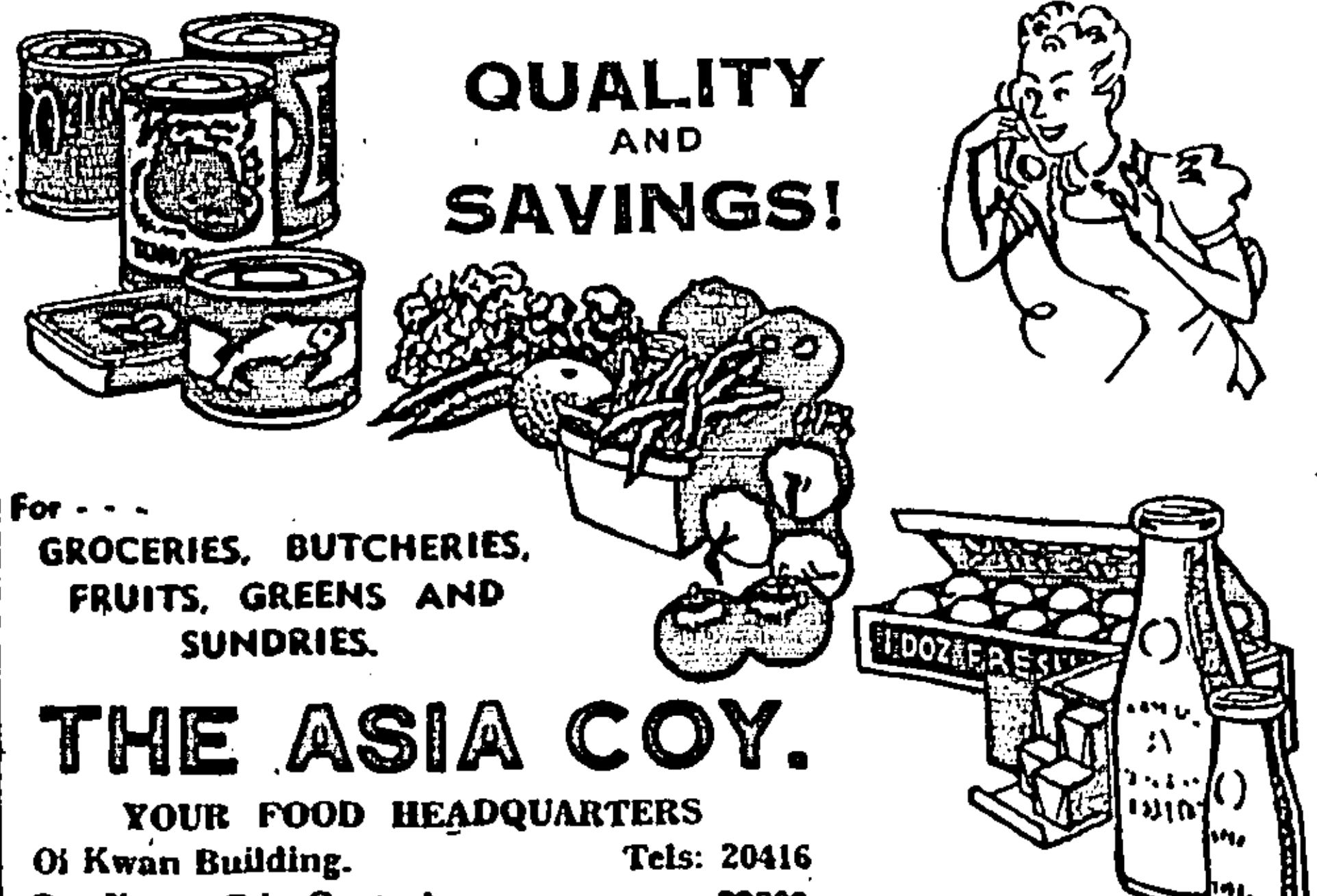
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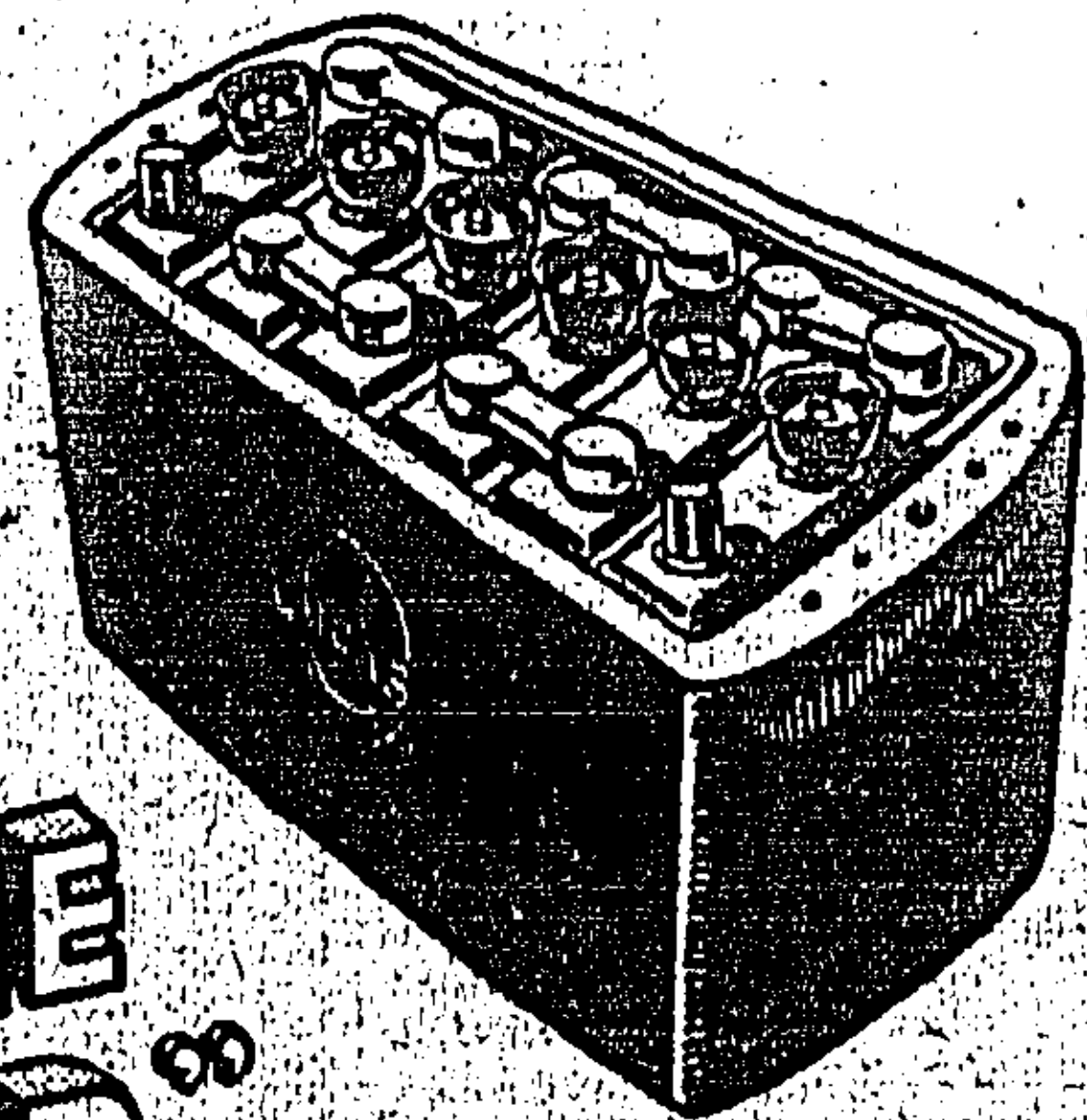
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"GERMAN" ARMY DEFEATED IN WILTS

LIKE SO MANY military exercises nowadays, that which I have just seen represented a German invasion and the measures taken to repel it. But, again like the majority of exercises which are being carried out at present, this had a special purpose, in addition to the general purpose of setting the whole of some complicated machinery in motion. It was to test a motorised division and an armoured division, both stationed a considerable distance inland and in G.H.Q. reserve.

Inevitably, for the sake of crops, both the hostile and the British forces had to be shepherded by strict control on the part of the Army Commander into areas in which it was desired by him that they should fight their battles; and that of the tanks was in this case equally inevitably Salisbury Plain.

Yet the development of the operations was perfectly credible and involved no loss of realism. Moreover, though the divisions had their roles laid down for them and were instructed to advance or retire to certain lines at certain hours, they knew nothing of these moves till the orders reached them. And they reported the progress of the battle as news to their corps headquarters, so that the system of control and intelligence (including even the interrogation of prisoners) could be practised. And though certain of the formations engaged were represented only by skeleton forces, at least 550,000 troops took part, so that administration and supply could also be given a real test.

The German "Landing"

Three German divisions were supposed to have effected a landing on a broad stretch of coast in the area of the Southern Command. One of them on the left flank was obviously out to capture a small port, and to capture it for a purpose for which the enemy will obviously want a port if he attempts large-scale invasion—to put a Panzer division ashore. The landing-places were (theoretically) heavily bombed by the R.A.F., but it was reported by the pilots that the "Flak" was very formidable. In practice the invaders were given every advantage, and permitted to complete their landing operations in a brief space of time, as though they had suffered little or no interruption from bombing. It was, however, accepted that the Navy had prevented further reinforcement.

All three German divisions fought their way inland, the two right-hand ones wheeling right to enlarge the footing gained and driving before them the remnants of the original defenders of the beaches to create a wide gap.

G.H.Q., however, handed over the motorized division, and it moved rapidly through the night in brigade groups of all arms to strike the enemy's right flank on the morning of the second day.

The intervention of these fresh troops brought about a change in the local situation. But it was too late; on the left the Panzer division was already ashore, and its armoured cars, pushing boldly into the gap, made very rapid progress.

A Vulnerable Objective
In these circumstances the commander of the motorized division did not dare to continue his counter-offensive, which would have carried him into the very open country of the plain. A motorized division may hope to put up a stiff resistance to tanks if it has time to consolidate a strong position, but if caught on the move its transport is one of the most vulnerable military objectives that can be imagined. In any case this division was somewhat widely dispersed, its leading brigade having pushed forward very quickly while one of the rear brigades seemed to have been held up on the road. The divisional commander therefore ordered it to fall back upon a river and prepare anti-tank defences.

The move was covered by the leading brigade which afterwards passed through into support without having been seriously pressed by the enemy's

infantry. The Panzer division disregarded it and advanced straight inland.

Meanwhile G.H.Q. was being asked—"pestered" might almost be the word—to hand over the armoured division to meet the new Panzer threat. But G.H.Q. had their own anxieties in other areas. They replied in effect:—"You may concert plans with it, but you must not touch it till you're told to," and not till 7 a.m. on the third day of the exercises was it released. I had already heard the Army Commander give a short sketch of the main features of the exercise on the first afternoon. But concerting plans meant a conference at the armoured division's headquarters; so there my resourceful guide took me next morning, and I was allowed to attend the conference.

The divisional commander laid stress on that quality of which I spoke in my article of May 7 and which I described as "curiosity or bite," especially on the part of his armoured cars. In fact the two points which he chiefly emphasized were dash in front and unremitting attention to protection, above all anti-aircraft protection, further in rear. He also urged that every effort should be made to fulfil that most difficult of all tasks in mimic warfare, to create in the mind of the private soldier a picture in which he should be able to see himself.

Skill And Realism

After that I drove down to the flank of the battlefield, many miles away, to watch that fighting between the motorized division and the invaders of which I spoke earlier. It would be impossible to describe in short space the incidents of the battle, which nevertheless stand out clearly in my mind, mingled with vignettes of that delightful countryside: market towns, villages, manor houses, each more lovely than the last; a blaze of gorse, spring flowers in the gardens, the earlier trees of the woods and coppices all feathered with green; a depleted string of some of the best race-horses in England fling bark over the some of the best race-horses in woodland.

One of the strongest impressions left by the exercise that day was of the skill and realism with which it was mounted and the ability with which it was controlled by the senior umpires.

Next morning I was out on the plain by 7 o'clock in air like wine kept a little too long on the ice to be ideal, but none the less invigorating. The armoured cars of the British armoured division and those of the "Panzers" alike showed great enterprise—so much that for once some of the umpires were taken by surprise by the speed at which the opposing forces made contact. The tank battle on the plain was highly realistic, with the British armoured division simultaneously hitting and feeling for the enemy's flank as it drove him back. This marked the turn of the tide. The Panzer division fell back to "harbour" for the night, its move affecting every corner of the battlefield, but most of all the right flank. Here the centre German infantry division, in the act of assaulting the British motorized division on its river-line defences, had to break off the action at night and retreat for the dual purpose of avoiding

THE REAL DECISION FOR NAZIS

The warning given by Mr. Churchill in his broadcast that the Nazi attack on Russia was simply the prelude to a final attempt against Britain, is underlined by a report sent to a Budapest newspaper "Pester Lloyd" by its Berlin correspondent.

"In all authoritative statements made on the war situation," says the correspondent, according to "Die Zeitung," the anti-Nazi German daily published in London, it is again and again pointed out that for Germany the real and final decision in this war is to be expected only in the West where the fighting forces of Germany come directly up against those of Great Britain."

The statement was a comment on the recent visit by General Brauchitsch, German C. in C. to Northern France.

This, in the correspondent's opinion, clearly stressed the significance of the West European theatre of war.

Continuous bombardment over the Channel by the R.A.F. during past the fortnight indicates that even to-day it cannot be said that the situation is all quiet on the Western Front. — British Wire- less.

SHIP SCHEDULE CHANGED

There has been a further change of schedule of the Asama Maru and Tatuta Maru, which are to omit Hong Kong and Manila on their next outward voyages to America.

The Asama Maru will leave Shanghai on July 10 for San Francisco and the Tatuta Maru on July 3.

ARMY OFFICER IN CAR CRASH

Lieutenant H. Davies, residing at No. 71, Kimberley Road, was involved in an accident early this morning. While driving in Chatham Road in the direction of the Star Ferry, his car crashed into a gas-lamp post near Mody Road and he suffered facial abrasions.

a flank thrust from the British armoured division and of protecting its own Panzer division's camp during the hours of darkness.

This move in its turn seemed to provide an opportunity for the motorized division to pursue the enemy, pin down his rear-guard, and inflict damage upon him.

I myself, however, following the tank battle, saw little more of the infantry fighting. Nor can I say anything about the part played by the R.A.F. except that aircraft were constantly overhead.

Troops Fit And Keen

Difficult as it is to summarize so long a story, enough has perhaps been said to indicate how wide was the scope of this exercise, which was watched by the Commander-in-Chief, how real was the test provided, and how useful must have been the lessons derived from it. The troops were tried fairly highly, and their sleep was often very limited, but the men, wonderfully fit and healthy-looking, stood up to the hard work and did not lose their keenness.

GERMAN AIRMAN CAUGHT ON ELECTRIC PYLON

ONE OF THE EIGHT GERMAN bombers shot down in recent night raids fell on an unoccupied house in a residential area of a south coast town. The house was demolished and the plane, which was loaded with incendiaries, burst into flames.

Another Nazi plane came down in the west, and two in the northeast. One of the victims of anti-aircraft fire blew up in mid-air near the Tyne. It received a direct hit after it had been illuminated by searchlight for only one minute.

The machine that hit the house had a crew of four. They baled out. Two were found dead in a scrap metal merchant's yard. Another was discovered in a garden with a leg wound. The fourth, who landed unharmed, gave himself up to Mr. Frederick Frewin, a railway shunter.

Given A Cup Of Tea

Mr. Frewin, who was in a cabin at the time, said that the Nazi had a cut lip and seemed dazed. "I called three of my mates," he added. "We gave him a cup of tea and a cigarette."

"He could speak a little English and told me he was 21. He said he had landed on top of a goods van a little way down the line. He seemed relieved to be out of it all and repeatedly shook hands with himself."

Another man who caught a German airman was Richard Jenkins, a miner, who on getting up in the morning looked out of his window and saw the airman squatting under a hedge.

About a mile away George Stevens, who lost an eye in the last war, found a second German airman, and followed Jenkins to the police station. A few minutes later a police-sergeant turned up with a third prisoner.

Suspended By Parachute

One of the occupants of a machine shot down in the North-East was found by members of the Home Guard at dawn suspended by his parachute harness from a pylon.

One burst of machine-gun fire brought down an enemy bomber in a West Country rural area. Two of the crew, badly burned, escaped by parachute, but two others were burned to death.

A squadron leader, who destroyed three Nazi planes, was accompanied by an observer who has shared most of his exploits and has been awarded the D.F.M.

Streams Of Metal

The leader said that in all three fights streams of burning metal flew back at him, some hitting his machine.

"The moon lit up the whole side of the fuselage and rear turret of the second raider," he added. "The gunner opened fire at me, but my first burst silenced him and there was a large orange flash from the fuselage."

"Burning bits flew back and one of them dented the nose of my aircraft. There was another flash and the Heinkel went down vertically into the ground."

"Another pilot who scored a 'double' recognised his first victim as a Heinkel. He gave one burst and immediately there was a terrific explosion."

"Parts of the aircraft flew off and hit my windscreen, and I had to pull up," he said. "After that I had the satisfaction of seeing the German crash."

Fighters Raid Enemy

As well as tackling enemy bombers over Britain, fighter pilots flew over Northern France and attacked the Nazis above their own aerodromes, the Air Ministry stated.

One crew spent more than half an hour near a French aerodrome used as a base for raids on Britain. During much of that time they were under fire from the gunners on the ground. Twice the pilot attacked enemy aircraft. When another bomber took off the Blenheim sent it down in a steep-diving turn.

On his way out from Britain the Blenheim found and bombed an anti-aircraft position.

HE RAN BAREFOOT IN TUNNEL

Sergeant Alfred William Wood, 27 years old, formerly an engineer, wins the O.B.E. Medal. This is why:

A plane flying off the North-West coast of Ireland came down in the sea 500 yards from the shore.

Heavy seas were running and the captain of the aircraft was swept away and drowned.

Dinghies were launched. One of them drifted on to a pile of rocks.

With great difficulty the occupants, among them Sergeant Wood, climbed on the rocks, being cut and bruised in the effort.

By this time the second dinghy was in danger of being swept over the rocks.

Sgt. Wood stripped, put on a life jacket and swam ashore to get help.

In bare feet he ran a mile, partly along a railway tunnel. Then he returned with soldiers who improvised a rope of blankets to rescue the crew.

At one point the rope broke and a member of the crew fell in the sea.

Sgt. Wood dived in the water and saved him.

LAST OF R.A.F. TRIO KILLED IN ACTION

Last of three R.A.F. pilots who jestingly called themselves Pip, Squeak and Wilfred, Acting Flight Lieutenant John Charles Dundas, is now believed killed in D.F.C. previously reported mission.

Aged twenty-five, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dundas, of Cawthorne, near Barnsley, he was a relative of the Marquis of Zetland and of Viscount Halifax.

ITALIAN DIES FOR BRITAIN'S SAKE

AN ITALIAN WHO DIED for freedom—he landed with British parachutists in Italy and was captured and shot as a traitor by the Fascists—is commemorated in a Press announcement. It reads:

"Picchi — on Palm Sunday, 1941, Fortunate Picchi sacrificed his life for the cause of freedom. A brave man of high ideals. Until the day breaks, dear.—F. R.I.P."

According to a Rome announcement he was recognised when taken prisoner and denounced as an Italian subject.

Picchi, £1,000-a-year banqueting manager of the Savoy Hotel, had lived in London for more than twenty years.

No Fascist

At her flat in Sussex gardens, Bayswater, London, W., Mrs. Florence Lantieri, a white-haired widow, told the "Daily Mirror": "I inserted the notice in memory of my dear friend. He died for Britain."

"Wilfred Picchi, as he was known in his job, pleaded to be

HOME GUARD TESTING TIME

"In my opinion the day will come when you will have to use what you have learned, and I am confident you will do as well as you have done to-day."

Lieutenant-General Sir Bertram Sergison-Brooke said that when he handed a silver competition cup to a Golders Green Home Guard company.

BRITISH BROADCAST TO NAZIS

The B.B.C. has enlisted the aid of well-known British Left Wing representatives to broadcast daily to the working classes in Germany. The broadcasts are designed to reawaken the political consciousness of former German Social Democrats.

An hour each morning is given to news and commentaries, and an hour twice a week in the evening. Each broadcast is repeated.

The time of the evening broadcasts has been chosen to coincide with the news broadcasts in Germany, so that they may be listened to with less risk of the heavy penalties inflicted in such cases by the Nazi authorities.

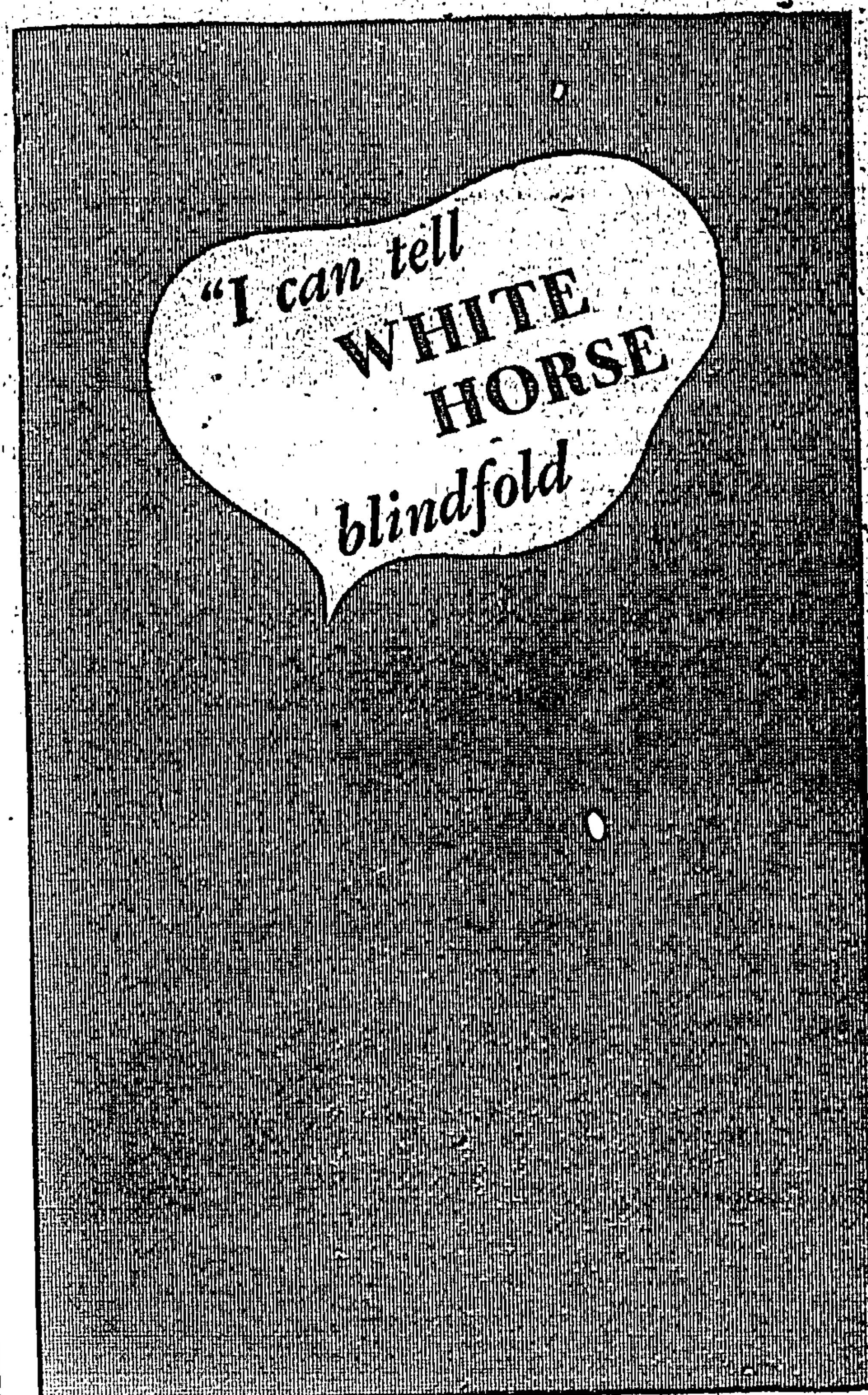
An endeavour is made to carry on political thought from the point where it was ended in Germany by Hitler's advent. "The Voice of Labour," one of the features, is a survey of the Socialist Press. Another feature is American labour news. Talks are also given on economic subjects and there are discussions on German financial policy.

Regular broadcasters in this service, who give their talks in German, are Mr. Philip Noel Baker, M.P., Prof. Harold Laski and Mr. R. H. S. Crossman.

SOLDIER NOT TO DRIVE FOR ARMY

Private Oliver Frisby, R.A.M.C., was fined £3 and costs at Beaconsfield for dangerous driving which caused a collision between his Army truck and a motor-cycle combination.

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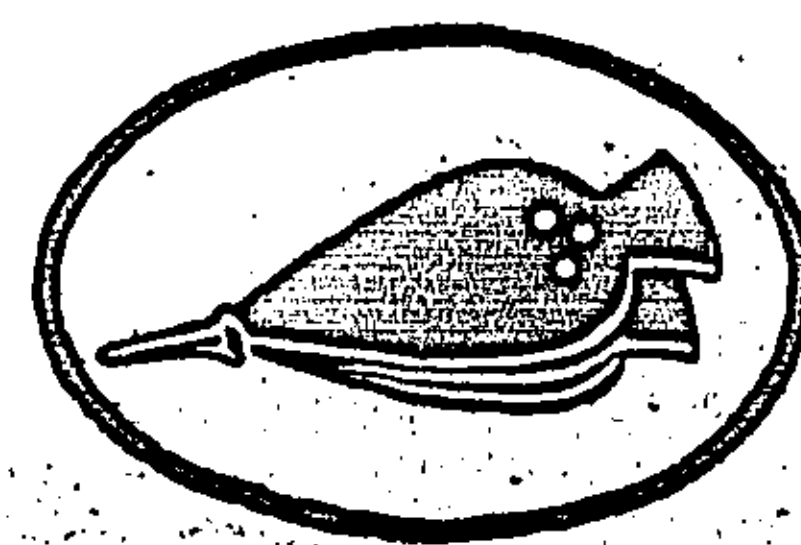
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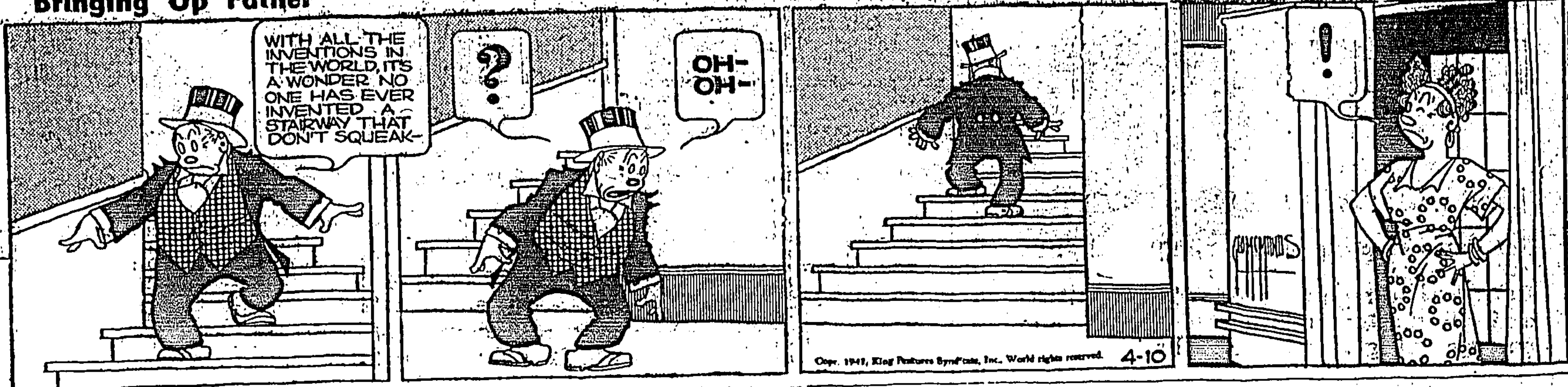
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Begin with a thorough cream cleansing. Pat on one layer of cream, massage it a little and remove with tissue. Then put on a thicker layer of cleansing cream and massage that into the skin for several minutes. Remove with tissue.

Now for a good washing. Moisten your soft bristled complexion brush and dip it into the suds of a bland soap. You might wet your skin with warm water first if you wish. Then get busy and work up a good soapy lather on your face. Brush in tiny circles and pay a lot of attention to the sides of your nose, your chin, the corners of your mouth and near your hair line. In those areas little skin blemishes such as whiteheads and blackheads are quite likely to be. Brush them away.

Rinse your skin very carefully with warm water and finish by splashing it with cold water. Dry thoroughly.

For Skin Airing

Now—this will surprise you—don't use a single cosmetic but run out into the open and sun yourself for fifteen or twenty minutes. Let the air and sunshine reach that freshly washed skin. That is marvellous for it.

You might use only lipstick for a week or so—no powder, no other make-up. Let your skin breathe fresh air day and night!

Remember The Neck

I failed to tell you to give your neck the same treatment. You know that the skin on your neck is darker than that on your face

The Girls Have Their Say...

One of the chronic grievances of mothers is that their daughters do not confide in them.

They say, "They never tell us a thing about themselves if they can help it, and it breaks our hearts for them to shut us out of their lives after all the love we have given them and sacrifices we have made for them."

"We would like to confide in our mothers, but they won't let us," say the girls.

"We know we are young and ignorant and inexperienced, and there are many things that we are uncertain about that we would like to talk over with our mothers if we could do it freely, without bringing down a lot of prohibitions on our heads and furnishing them with food for moral lectures for the next year."

"But the minute we commence confiding in mother, she feels it her sacred duty to hold a lot of awful warning signs and gets jittery over the dangers in modern life to girls."

"Naturally we are not going to open up to her when the results are going to be a lecture and a lot of 'don'ts'."

"That is why we go on, the principle that what mother doesn't know doesn't hurt her. It is a matter of self-preservation."



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and it is likely to get darker and darker unless you use the same creams and make-up on it as you do for your face. Begin while you are young to preserve that youthful throat line which older women so envy. Exercise your neck, too—keep those muscles elastic.

Never go to bed without first washing and rinsing your face thoroughly. All night let your

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A Man Needs Variety

And so does a woman, of course. But it is to men and the kind of wife they all need—even if they don't know it—that we're giving this corner to-day.

G. K. Chesterton once said: "Variability is one of the virtues of a woman. It avoids the crude requirements of polygamy. So long as you have one good wife, you are sure to have a spiritual harvest."

And he was right. But what is a good wife? And the answer to that question is—many different women.

A good wife changes her personality to suit her husband's moods and needs.

Sometimes she is a GOOD SPORT. That's when he wants her to go with him to a football match or some such, and—although she can't bear the things and hates being pushed about in crowds—off she trots to wave a hat and shout herself silly with the rest of them.

Then she has to be a SIREN... not the noisy, wailing kind but the glamorous, slightly mysterious and definitely attractive! That's to keep him always wanting to woo her. Because man hates any chase coming to an end.

She must be a HOMELY LITTLE THING ready with a hot meal and a bright smile when he comes home tired.

She must be the kind of COMPANION who knows when to display the silent wisdom of the Sphinx or the chattering noise of any aviary.

She must be a MOTHER to whom he can bring his hurt pride and his worries—sure of sympathetic understanding.

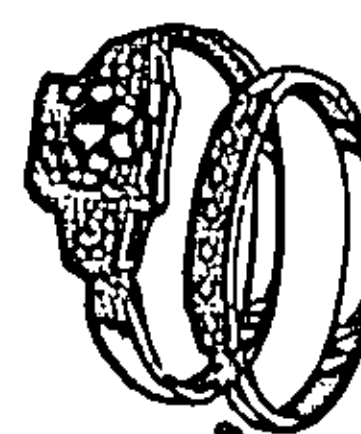
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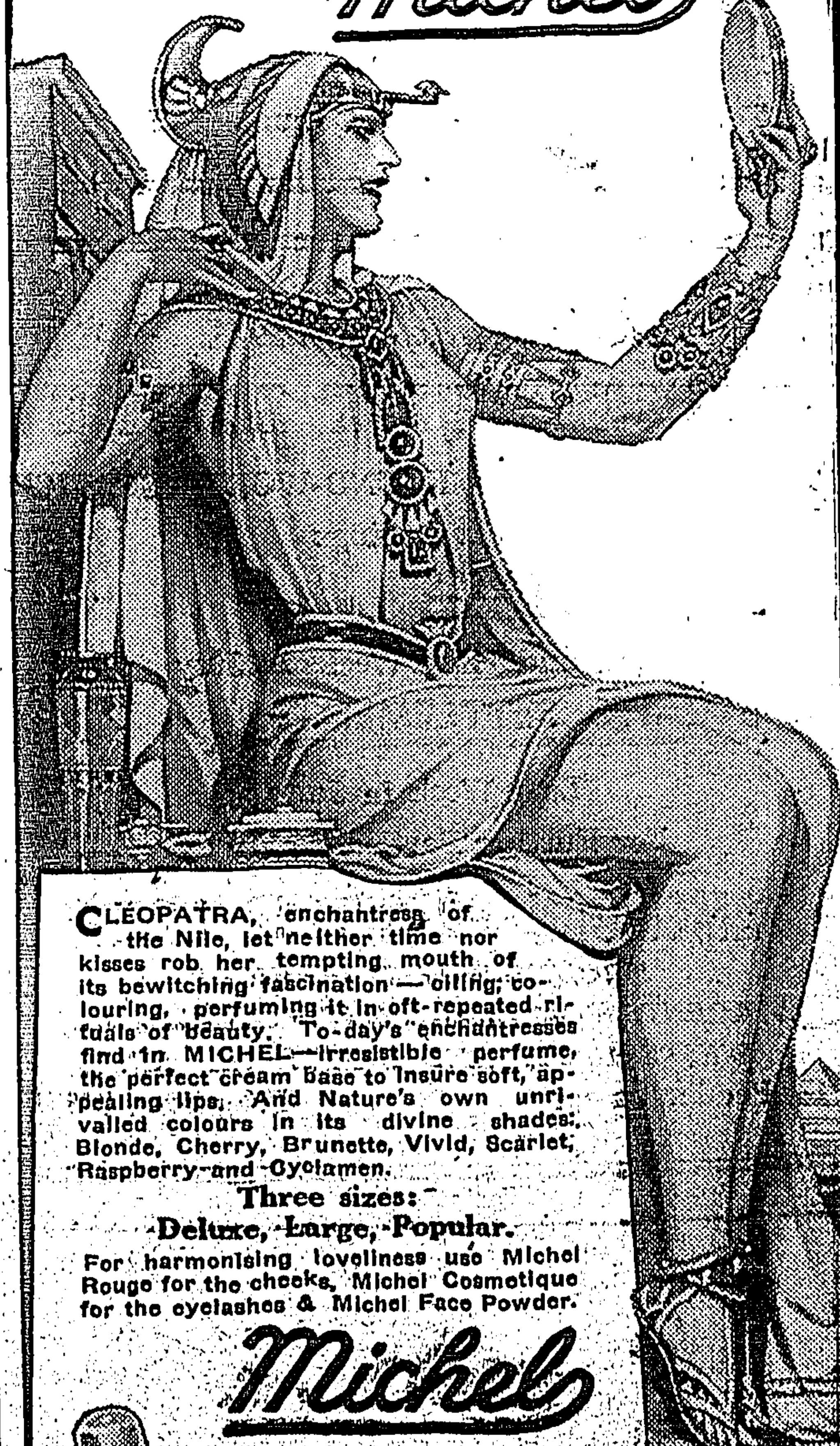
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12.30 p.m.—The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band with Norman Allin (Bass).

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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.01 p.m.—Selections.

"Broadway Melody of 1940"—I Concentrate on You—Fox-Trot... Les Brown & his Orchestra with Vocal Chorus by Shirley Howard. "Under Your Hat"—Together Again... Cicely Courtneidge & Jack Hulbert; If You Want To Dance... Jack Hulbert & The Rhythm Bros. with Orchestra. "Firefly"—Selection... Louis Levy & his Gaumont-British Symphony with Vocal by Eve Becke and Gerry Fitz Gerald. "Naughty But Nice"—Corn Pickin'; I'm Happy About the Whole Thing... Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) with Orch. "Pinocchio"—Three Cheers for Anything... Victor Young & his Orchestra with The Ken Darby Singers. "Follow the Fleet"—Let's Face the Music and Dance—Fox-Trot... Roy Fox & his Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.

You're Breaking My Heart All Over Again (Cavanagh); My Romance (from "The Hulbert Folies"); They Say (Heymann & Others); There's Something About An Old Love (Hudson & Others).

2.00 p.m.—Harold Ramsay at the Organ.

Famous Marches Medley—Intro: The Washington Post; Semper Fidelis; Hungarian March. Tauber Melodies—Intro: You are my heart's delight; Golden Song; In your arms to-night; Serenade; Villa; Impatience; O Sanctissima. Six Great Melodies—Intro: Somewhere a voice is calling; Trees; Until; Perfect Day; At Dawning; Roses of Picardy.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Old Tunes in Swingtime.

Blue Skies (Berlin)... Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) and her Orchestra; Swanee (Gershwin)... Teddy Foster and his Kings of Swing; Alive, Alive-O! (Corry, O'Brien)... Al and Bob Harvey, (Vocal Duet) with Orchestral accomp.; Dark Eyes (Trad. Russian Air)... Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) with Orchestra; Blue Danube (Strauss-arr. Sid. Phillips)... Eddie Carroll and his Swingphonic Orchestra; A Brown Bird Singing (Haydn Wood)... Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) with Orch.; Alouette (Trad. Canadian Song)... Horace Heidt and his Orchestra with Vocal Chorus; Avalon (Jolson & Rose)... Val Rosing and his Swing Stars; I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles (Kenbrovin-Kellette)... Ella Logan (Vocal) with Orchestra.

7.15 p.m.—Humorous Variety.

That Night That We Met In A Black-Out (Kester); Who Is That Man... (Kester)... Tommy Handley with Piano accomp.; Virginia and Her Momma... Ivy St. Heller at the Piano. Please Leave My Butter Alone (Mills-Nicholls)... Arthur Askey with Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Anton and The Paramount Theatre—Orchestra, London, and

Josephine Baker (Vocal).

Toy Land Medley—Intro: Teddy Bears' Picnic; Wedding of the Painted Doll; Parade of the Tin Soldiers; Punch and Judy Show; The Toy Train... Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Reginald Foort at the Organ. The Loveliness of You (film "You Can't Have Everything")... Josephine Baker (Vocal) with Orchestra; Valse Septembre (Godin-arr. Lotter); In The Shadow (Finck)... Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Hollington at the Organ. Suppose! (Dixon-Dimon); Pretty Little Baby (Bernie & Others)... Josephine Baker (Vocal) with Orchestra. "Champagne Waltz"—Selection: "Banjo on my Knee"—Selection: "Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Hollington at the Organ."

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

BOMBS IN BOOBY TRAP KILL 2

Twelve stolen Mills bombs in a wire-fitted box, with a piece of cloth felt arranged as a "trigger," formed a booby trap which killed two detectives.

This was alleged at Rochdale, Lancs, when a youth, eighteen, was accused of murder, theft and maliciously causing an explosion.

His father and a third detective were injured by flying metal.

The box containing the bombs had been placed under a storied flag in the cellar of a grocer's shop kept by the youth's father.

"The lid had been covered with

pitch," said counsel. "On the top of the lid was a piece of cloth felt, and as Detective-Sergeant T. W. Dale bent down and removed the cloth, he caught the full force of an explosion and was killed immediately. Detective-Inspector H. S. Stables died from injuries soon afterwards.

"Had the explosion occurred after the box had been removed from the hole none of the five men in the cellar would have lived."

Counsel alleged that the accused youth, Raymond Howarth Bury, of Ventnor Street, Rochdale, admitted setting the trap and said he intended putting a glass front on top to warn it was dangerous.

A Thompson sub-machine gun, 1,200 rounds of ammunition, and the twelve hand grenades had been stolen from a military warehouse and the detectives had a warrant to search for them.

Detective-Constable Scade and Bury's father, William Eccles Bury, were injured, and Detective-Sergeant Faulkner suffered severe shock.

It was alleged that Bury told a man named Page that he had stolen the arms and hidden them in a disused mill. Later he moved them to the cellar in Whitworth Road.

The hearing was adjourned.

61 MILLS TO CLOSE

Sixty-one cotton mills are to be closed soon under the Government's scheme for the concentration of industry.

Good progress is being made with the scheme, and about five hundred applications, exclusive of the textile groups, are under consideration.

About 200 are likely to be accepted.

The cotton industry is so far the biggest industry to be immediately affected by concentration. In the spinning section 111 firms have been granted certificates.

The position of a further 229 mills is still being considered.

Freeing Workers

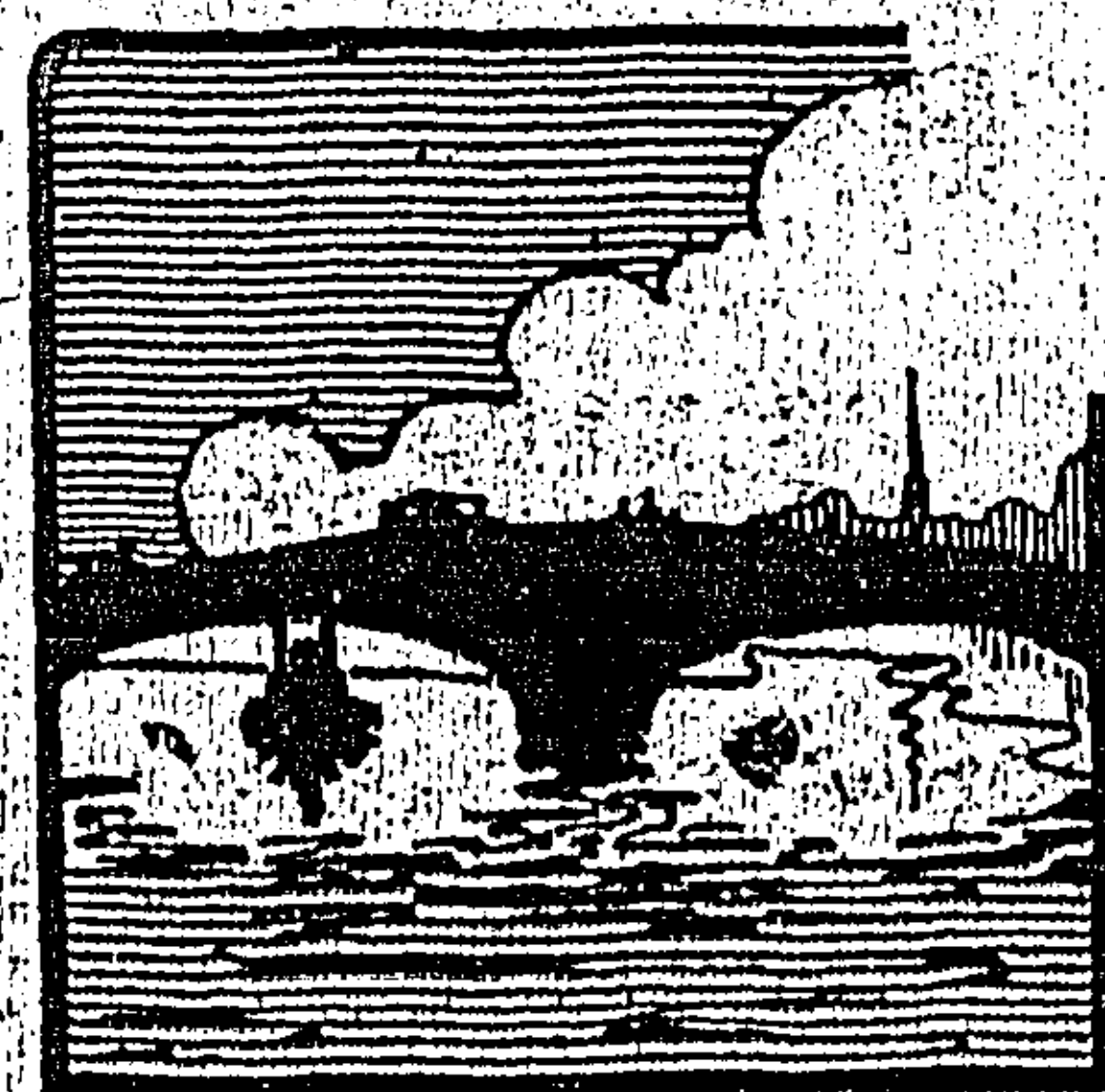
One rayon firm is closing two of its largest factories, and at least 1,500 workers, mostly women, will be released.

Hundreds of hosier workers will be released and thousands of square feet of factory space made available.

Most of the firms will close part of their factories and concentrate production in the remainder.

Other industries in which negotiations have been effected include cutlery, leather, carpets, and toys and fancy goods.

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ARMY ENLISTS WOMEN'S WORK

Must Agree To Be Mobile

As one of the many women who registered for war factory work following Mr. Ernest Bevin's call for 100,000 volunteers within the next fortnight, I found the employment exchange I visited ready to deal with a rush of applicants, writes a correspondent.

Although the Minister of Labour's appeal was not expected by Employment Exchange officials, registration went on smoothly.

The first question asked me at a City area exchange was, "Are you prepared to leave London?" It might be possible, the woman officer explained, for me to be trained in London, but not to work there.

"We want you to be willing to go to any district where you are needed," she said. "The Government will look after any dependants and you will get allowances. But we want you to be mobile."

Registration was neither difficult nor formidable. At the exchange in Smithfield I found a separate department for national service applicants.

Leaflet Information

When one asks to register, a leaflet is handed over. It was prepared a few months ago when Miss Caroline Haslett, Adviser on Women's Training, launched, on the wireless, a scheme for training women for engineering in munitions works. It gives seven trades in which women can train, and lists 30 Government training centres.

It also sets out the allowances paid, and gives general information for those who may have to train away from home.

Training courses, which vary from three to five months, are free, and board and lodging allowances are paid. Applicants can ask for training within daily travelling distance from their homes and suggest an area in which they would prefer to work. But an assurance is sought that they will, if necessary, accept training and employment anywhere.

Urgently as women are needed officials make no effort to rush an applicant into filling up her form then and there. They answered all my questions patiently and helpfully, and suggested that I should take away my application home and study it so that I realised, as one officer put it, "what I was letting myself in for."

At other Exchanges where I made inquiries there were equally painstaking and well-informed officials.

10 DIE IN BOMBED A.F.S. POST

A.F.S. stations and A.R.P. posts were wrecked during a raid on London, and a number of the personnel were buried in the debris.

A school used as an R.A.F. station was split in half by a heavy bomb. Already six firemen, two telephonists and two young

messenger boys have been extricated—dead.

One of the dead telephonists, Mrs. Peters, thirty-nine, had been working for the A.F.S. since her three children were evacuated.

The other, Miss Hilda Dupree, twenty-one, was to be married to a fireman in a fortnight.

Some of the dead had been sent from another London district to stand by. There were no fires in their own area.

While about thirty A.R.P. wardens were awaiting a call to action, their post received a direct hit from a bomb. A number of them, including one woman, were killed.

After being buried for five hours, three women were rescued and rushed to hospital.

Hospital Rescues

Two of the women wardens rescued are Miss Jean Drummond and Miss Frances Drummond.

Until war broke out they and their sister Victoria ran a club for girls in a poor district of London. Victoria, who is a god-daughter of Queen Victoria, is a marine engineer, and helped in the Dunkirk evacuation.

Mothers and day-old babies were among those carried to safety from two nursing homes when heavy calibre bombs dropped. No one was injured.

As a bomb hit a public house, men and women were singing and a piano playing.

A number of people are missing and police are checking on unclaimed cars in a car park.

All day rescue squads were at work searching for victims in the wreckage of a second public house hit during a big darts match.

About eighty people had been got out alive by afternoon, many of them injured. A number of bodies were recovered.

EVEN BABIES RATIONED

So many childless women, mostly wives of Servicemen, want to adopt babies that societies in the North of England have had to set up waiting lists.

Mr. J. Wilson, hon. secretary of the Babies' Home, Fulford, Preston, Lancs—believed to be the oldest adoption society in the country—told the "Daily Mirror":

"Most of the people who come to me are officers' wives who, living alone, want companionship."

"Since Christmas I have been able to find a home for a child every two weeks, on the average."

"Most of the requests are from people well endowed with this world's goods, and if I were able to place babies their future would be assured."

15, DIED TO DO HIS BIT

"I WANT TO DO MY BIT. IF I GET BLOWN UP I SHALL BE DYING FOR MY KING AND COUNTRY," SAID KENNETH LYNDSEY, AGED FIFTEEN, OF CRANDON STREET, GRAVESEND, KENT, TO HIS MOTHER.

It had always been his ambition to go to sea. He was not satisfied till his parents found him a job as ship's boy.

Less than six hours after joining his ship news came that it had struck a mine. There were no survivors. Kenneth had died for his King and country.

"I did not like the idea of Ginger going to sea," said his mother to the "Daily Mirror."

DOG GUIDES MEN IN DEBRIS

Barking of a dog during demolition work at a bombed London Church Army hostel led rescue men to the body of its mistress.

The dog was heard during a lull in the work and the men immediately redoubled their efforts to locate it.

As a girder was partially lifted, out dashed an Aberdeen terrier, belonging to twenty-six-year-old Marjorie Warwood, daughter of Captain Warwood, superintendent of the hostel.

The dog, Andy, was unhurt but had refused to leave its mistress, whose body was found close by.

Andy was a twenty-first birthday present to Marjorie from her brother and sister.

DON'T START LAFF (L) IN

Southend Town Council has refused Park-keeper Laffin permission to join the Home Guard. He is already an A.R.P. worker.

At a council meeting Councillor Hurrell said: "What is going to happen to the animals and birds in the park if he is not there when the invasion begins?"

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HE IS 'GHOST' OF SHELTERS

Some Bristol shelters whose slumbers have been haunted by a nightmare apparition heard the explanation.

It was given in a broadcast by Mr. G. M. Davies, of the city's public health department, who all through the blitz has patrolled shelters for evidence of the state of the air in them.

"I take round with me a collection of scientific instruments and sampling tubes and apparatus of all shapes and sizes," he said.

"Now and again, when I quietly walk into a deep underground shelter at four or five in the morning, a semi-conscious sleeper will sit bolt upright in his bunk and gaze with momentary terror."

"I do look somewhat grotesque, in a way, as I am usually surrounded with bright, polished apparatus and a pretty variety of gadgets of every description."

CHILDREN ASKED TO FIRE WATCH

Revelation that senior children have been asked to do fire watching in schools was greeted with cries of "Shame!" at the annual conference of the National Union of Women Teachers at York.

Miss A. A. Kenyon, a trustee, moved a resolution demanding that the fire watching of schools should be incorporated in the general scheme.

"Many teachers are fire-watching at their schools," she said, "because it is being presented to them in such a way that they feel that, if they refuse they will be victimised."

The resolution was passed.

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Hing Wah Middle School Win 2nd Division Honours

Inter-School Basketball

FOLLOWING A VERY HARD AND EVENLY CONTESTED STRUGGLE, HING WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL QUINTETTE WON THE SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE INTER-SCHOOL BASKETBALL LEAGUE YESTERDAY WHEN THEY NARROWLY DEFEATED HON WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL BY 23 POINTS TO 22, AFTER BEING LED AT THE INTERVAL BY 12 POINTS TO 9.

The game was packed with thrills and exciting moments and was played before a capacity crowd on the open air court at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Before this match both teams were unchecked and on level terms and a win for either would give them the championship.

The losers drew first blood shortly after the start and appeared likely champions at the end of the first half, when they were leading by three points.

The new champions, however, changed their tactics after the resumption and threw everything into the attack instead of the man for man tactics adopted in the first period.

The winners took the lead at 15-14 through two accurate shots by Li Wah-chun and Tang Yuk-wu five minutes after the resumption.

Hon Wah drew level when one of the opponents' guards was penalised for obstruction and they scored a foul goal (1 point).

Both sides made numerous efforts to take the lead, and the champions finally succeeded when their winger Tang Yuk-wu scored with a powerful long shot.

The result of the game was still in doubt as both sides scored alternately, but just before the final whistle the champions managed to score the necessary points to give them a 23-22 win and the championship.

Following are the detailed scores:

HING WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL			
	Goals	Foul	
Li Wah-chun	3	0	1
Tang Yuk-wu	4	2	0
Ng Yim-kwan	1	1	0
Leung Pak-hing	2	0	1
Lam Man-kuen	0	0	1
Total	23	3	3
HON WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL			
Lai Yu-mul	1	1	1
So Pik-yuen	2	0	3
Chan Sik-kwai	3	3	1
Ko Siu-fung	0	0	2
Tong Mon-sang	3	0	0
Total	22	4	7

Two Senior Games

On the same court after this game, Pui Ying College (White) overwhelmed Ming Sang College by 82 points to 31 and Y.M.C.A. Commercial School beat Hing Chung Middle School by 49 points to 38 both in First Division of the same League.

All the games were played in two periods only.

To-day's Games

Following is to-day's programme of matches in the Inter-School Basketball League sponsored by Chinese Y.M.C.A.:

First Division—Ying Wah v Hon Wah, Second Division—Tai Chung v Hong Kong M.S.; Canton University v Ying Wah.

CANADIAN PITCHER GETS ONLY \$25 WEEKLY

Phil Marchildon will have less money than any other ball player in the majors. Marchildon, young pitcher with the Philadelphia Athletics, is a Canadian and wartime regulations require him to deposit all but \$25 a week of his salary in the Dominion. He gets the rest when he returns home.

Canadian hockey players were required to do the same thing. Marchildon reports for military training at the season's close.

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UNION WIN CUP

Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union won the "Kim Shing" basketball competition (on roller skates) as the result of their win last night over Kowloon Skating Rink by 35 points to 23.

The game, which was watched by a large crowd, was one of the best in the competition. The Rink team was handicapped by an injury to E. B. Nanak early in the game.

SOFTBALL SECTION AT Y.M.C.A.

At a meeting of European Y.M.C.A. softball section last night it was revealed that the Board of Directors had agreed to include softball among the Association's sporting activities.

Following were then elected to serve on the Softball Committee: S/Sgt. Welford (Coach and Hon. Secretary), T. Huber, Cpl. Foley and D. Blackman.

Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 5.30 p.m. at the "Y" hockey ground King's Park, the first practice being on Tuesday next, July 1.

WEBB AND MUSSON ARE BEATEN

In "A" Division of the Army Tennis League yesterday at 900-kunpo, F.A. Staff defeated Royal Army Medical Corps by 2 sets to 1.

Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Musson met with their first defeat in the League.

S. A. Hussain and H. W. Browne (F. A. Staff) beat Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Musson, 6-2, 6-1.

W. A. Reed and C. S. Clarke (F. A. Staff) lost to Sgt. Smith and Pte. Gunson, 6-2, 6-3.

A. G. Calpin and G. B. Gurevitch (F. A. Staff) lost to Cpl. Milne and Pte. Don, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

Pay Corps Win

In the same Division Royal Army Pay Corps beat Royal Engineers "B" by 2 sets to 1.

Col. Ford and S/Sgt. Adlam (R.A.P.C.) beat Lt. Col. Lamb and Q.M.S. Quinnell, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

S/Sgt. James and S/Sgt. Pinkney (R.A.P.C.) lost to Cpl. Shaw and Cpl. Hawkins, 2-6, 2-6, 2-6.

Sgt. Carden and Cpl. Ingley (R.A.P.C.) beat Cpl. Spence and L/Cpl. Pelham, 7-5, 7-5.

Standings To Date

"A" DIVISION			
	Sets	W. L.	Pts.
R.E. "A"	21	18	3
F.A. Staff	24	17	7
R.A.M.C.	18	12	6
R.A.O.C.	15	10	5
5th A.A. Regt.	15	9	9
I.M.S.	21	0	15
R.A.S.C.	15	6	9
Royal Signals	18	5	13
R.A.P.C.	18	7	11
R.E. "B"	24	5	19
"B" DIVISION			
	Sets	W. L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	18	17	1
30th Battery	15	10	5
24th Battery	15	9	9
R.A.O.C.	12	9	3
Royal Signals	18	8	10
12th Battery	8	0	0
Middlesex	15	10	5
5th A.A.	12	5	7
Royal Engineers	4	3	3
90th Battery	18	3	15
R.A.P.C.	21	3	18
R.A.M.C. "A"	0	3	3
R.A.M.C. "B"	3	2	2
R.A.S.C. "A"	6	2	4
R.A.S.C. "B"	3	2	1

Owing to the sudden state of the ground, no H.K. Lawn Tennis League matches were played yesterday.

SWIMMING COMEBACK AFTER 12 YEARS AWAY FROM COMPETITIONS

FOLLOWERS OF SWIMMING IN THE COLONY WILL BE INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT THEY WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF SEEING MRS. V. MURRELL, OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WHO AS MISS VERA TANNER TWICE REPRESENTED GREAT BRITAIN IN THE WORLD OLYMPIC GAMES, IN ACTION AT THE "Y" POOL ON JULY 12, WHEN THE A.N.S. AND V.A.D. SWIMMING GALA TAKES PLACE.

Mrs. Murrell took part in the meet in Paris in 1924 and again in Amsterdam in 1928, when she figured in the 100 Metres free-style, 400 Metres free-style and 400 Metres Relay races.

In 1929 Mrs. Murrell, together with the Misses Joyce Cooper, Ellen King and Edith Mayne, who were her team-mates at the two Olympic Games referred to above, toured South Africa and Rhodesia, and during the four months that they were there figured in many exhibition events. They were accompanied by Miss Greenall, now head of the Dartford Physical Training College, as manager, on that occasion.

After that tour Mrs. Murrell gave up competitive swimming, although she has always maintained her interest in that form of sport.

Coach At King's

Masters and boys at King's College, who have been deprived of their swimming for some time, owing to improvements being made to the school bath, will be able to resume their activities in the near future, it being learned that work in this direction is now almost completed.

Mrs. Murrell, who is on the teaching staff of the College, will again coach the boys at swimming this summer.

Last year, under her expert guidance, the boys made great strides and a distinct improvement was noticed in the standard of swimming at King's.

BROWNS' HITTING ANXIETY

If it isn't one thing, it's another with Manager Fred Haney and his unpredictable Browns, who were expected to be the dark horses of the American League.

Last year the team's pitching was sour.

This year Haney's hitters have gone back on him.

And the result is the same—the Browns are far behind in the race for the pennant.

Haney said he wasn't concerned because he still thought the Browns were a good club.

But, he added, "Of course, I'm unhappy. Who wouldn't be?"

"I can't kick about our pitching. It's all right. Good enough to win most of our games."

"But what can a pitcher do with a row of knot holes stacked against him? How can we win with all our men stranded on base?"

Haney has tried everything, even benching slumping Rip Radcliff, who led the league in hitting most of last season. Slugger Walter Judnich is batting about .230, Harland Clift .270 and George McQuinn .290.

In one stretch the Browns dropped four straight by the margin of one run. In each game the club had men on base at strategic times, but hits in the clutch—the ones that win—were not forthcoming.

Haney feels that bad weather had much to do in frustrating his men at the plate.

The spring training tour wound up with one postponed game after another. The first week of the season the Browns played only twice because of inclement weather.

At this stage they have played fewer games than any other team in either league.

"We're a good club," Haney argued. "When we get the hitting ironed out we'll be back in the race."

"I don't know what to do except wait it out. The fellows whom I depended upon to come through after day at the plate have fallen off the most."

"All I can say now is don't sell a good club short. Those boys are going to start hitting—I hope."

SYKES IN FINAL

L. Sykes reached the Final of European Y.M.C.A.'s billiards tournament last night when he beat S. Kemp by 300 points to 216. He will now meet C. Champollier in the Final.

It is understood that all postponed matches in First Division of the Lawn Tennis League will be re-arranged after the completion of the fixtures originally arranged and that those games will be played on Mondays.

GELLING AND WALLINGTON WIN BY EIGHT

IN THE ONLY GAME YESTERDAY, IN THE COLONY LAWN BOWLS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP, J. H. GELLING AND H. G. WALLINGTON BEAT C. LANGLEY AND L. JORDAN BY 22 SHOTS TO 14 AT POLICE RECREATION CLUB.

Langley and Jordan scored a single at the first head and at the 12th were on level terms at 9-all. The Football Club pair then scored 2 1 4 2 1 which took the scored to 19-9 at the 17th in their favour. A three at the next head brought the losers closer, but the Valley pair scored a single and a brace at the next heads to make sure of the game.

Langley and Jordan finished up with a two.

PAIRS MATCH POSTPONED

The Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship match between H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, holders of the title for the past two years, and A. Hyde-Lay and G. H. Sherriff, which was to have been played at Kowloon Football Club last evening, was postponed until to-morrow.

The Recife pair, together with Hyde-Lay, were on the ground but for some reason Sherriff did not put in an appearance. Ribeiro and his partner agreed to a postponement.

No other games were played on the Kowloon side of the harbour though in most cases the greens were opened and club members had practice roll-ups.

SIX BOWLS MATCHES IN ONE DAY

A marathon bowls performance was given by J. Low, of Belmont, on the final day of the Hunter River district carnival at East Maitland, writes "Leader" in an Australian paper.

He played three singles and three fours matches, and was on the green from 10 a.m. until 8.15 p.m.

Low won the open singles, beating H. Guy (Lorn Park) in the final, 26 to 13. He scored three on the first two ends and was never afterwards pressed. In the quarter-final he beat C. McNeill (Hamilton) by 16 to 7, and P. Rockliff (Lorn Park) in the semi-final by 15 to 11.

Third Singles Success

This was the third time Low had won the Hunter River open singles, and he almost scored the double. His Belmont team, which included T. Steel, S. Flowers and J. Fallins, was beaten in the fourth final by T. Johnson, A. Taylor (West Maitland), C. McLaughlin (New Lambton), and F. Jones (West Maitland), by 22 to 20.

After being down 22-13, Low's team did all the scoring in the latter stages of the game. Low had his second win over Charlie McNeill, up 10-10, in the quarter-final of the fours.

Low has won the Country Week singles three times, but has never won a State title. He represented Australia in the Empire singles, played at Waverley in 1939.

The First Round Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship game between J. W. Leonard and W. Ward and R. P. Phillips and J. McKeivie will be played this afternoon on the Kowloon Football Club green.

MINDANAO FAVOURED TO RETAIN LEAGUE PENNANT

Superiority Apparent At Present

H.B. PITCHING PROBLEM IS A VERY REAL ONE

By "Grandstand"

OLD MAN PLUVIUS DISHED OUT A SAMPLE OF HONG KONG'S LIQUID SUNSHINE DURING THE WEEK-END, AS THE BASEBALL SEASON HEADED SLAP-BANG INTO THE LOCAL FICKLE SUMMER WEATHER WHICH FLOODED OUT THE WEEKLY LEAGUE FIXTURES SCHEDULED FOR RAILWAY CORNER. UNDETERRED, HOWEVER, DAVE LEONARD'S BREWERS AND 'GRANDPA' LEUNG'S CHUNG HWA MAROONS TREKKED OUT TO THE CAROLINE HILL SANDS TO SATISFY THEIR BALL APPETITE WITH A PICK-UP GAME.

Now that the League is three weeks' old, the palpitating public is sort of curious to know what will happen in the next few months. Where will the pennant be flying from? Who will lead the batting and slugging figures? Who will be pitcher of the year? These, and many other similar questions are on the lips of all followers of baseball.

Well, most sports scribes, and I am no exception, will tell you "it's too early to say for certain." Incidentally, baseball is a game in which this particular phrase can be used 365 times a year, for the only time we can be sure of a game is after the third out in the last inning.

Consistency, both in offensive and defensive tactics is the main factor in deciding a team's overall strength, for it is useless for a team to be able to slug in those extra runs, if the other side can make more runs on their sloppy fielding.

The consensus of opinion is that it will be a two-way fight between U.S.S. Mindanao and Hong Kong Brewers, and this is where we make our start.

Besides being a leg up with their initial victory over the Brewers, Lou Powlawski's Mindanao merry-makers have the stronger hurling staff, with the Potent Polack himself at the head and Muddy Ruel to call on in the pinches. Even maskman Tony Mascavage can be called on for slab duties if the need arises.

On the other hand, Dave Leonard, Brewery brain-trust, admits that his battery of Madsen "Slim" Arculli and Obeir Arculli is slowing up, but if Madsen, who has conceded eight hits in each of their two games, was to hang up his glove, who can be called on to perform mound duties for the beermen?

Leonard's Problem

It is true the Bam himself has a fast blazing one, but what about the Hot Corner? Anyway you look at it, the flinging staff is short-handed. There have been rumours in Beerville of acquiring a new battery, but at this late stage, when all managers have who they believe will turn out to be good players, pitchers are scarce.

Don Cray, recently released from South China, might have been a hope for the Brewers, but Cray has already been bagged by Hong Kong Baseballers. Nope, THE BREWERY OUTLOOK IS FAR FROM ROSY. Suppose Arculli is laid up with a sore arm for a critical game, or suppose George Souza et al are unable to get out of their batting slump, what then?

Although reserve strength is not lacking, the feeling behind the plate and around second base is not one of security. The mounting number of stolen bases and errors will tell in the long run.

Superior Battery

And what about U.S.S. Mindanao? They, undisputedly, have the pitching

TO-DAY'S WATER POLO GAMES

Following is to-day's Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament programme:
AT THE ARMY POOL
Y.M.C.A. v. Royal Scots "A"
(7.15 p.m. Referee:—L/Cpl. Dignan)
Navy "B" v. Signals
(7.45 p.m. Referee:—R. Goldman)
Navy "C" v. Combined Small Units
(8.15 p.m. Referee:—Lieut. Millar)
AT THE "Y" POOL
Navy "A" v. Middlesex "A"
(7.15 p.m. Referee:—W. Colledge)
Middlesex "B" v. Royal Scots "B"
(7.45 p.m. Referee:—L/Tel. Paul)
5th Regt. R.A. v. 5th A.A. Regt., R.A.
(8.15 p.m. Referee:—Eic. Jennings)

advantage, whilst they have the up-to-date lead in the batting and slugging figures. In the fielding department, however, first-base is the weak spot, but, surprising enough, Rabid Robert Strahl has managed to hold the position in the clutches—with a couple of horse-shoes tucked away in his hip-pocket.

Of course, there is the ever-present possibility of Lady Luck taking a hand, and gumming up the works by breaking up the smooth-working team with one of those transfers to another ship. But, that's a different story.

Not many prophets will let go of the comforting tree trunk, and go out on a limb to predict a winner, especially at the beginning of the season, but if the Mindanao mace-maulers do not come through with the bunting, you can bet your last dime this corner will not be the only one to be wrong. There's that comforting thought.

U.S.S. Asheville-Tulsa combination isn't hard to dope, and third place is their best. If Tulsa were able to win all their games in the second round they would not win the pennant, because the inconsistent Asheville team would have lost too many games by the time they hand over the schedule to the Mighty "T".

Mohawks Depleted

The fourth, and not a shade better, will be Chuck Waggoner's Hong Kong Baseballers, whom he prefers to call Mohawks. With the loss of almost all their players from Stanleyville, Mohawks have been hard-hit, but if there is any talent in their reserves, the second line of defence of any team, mentor Waggoner will find it.

Royal Engineers, in their surprising win over the South China nine, displayed a brand of ball they never showed before, but the pitching is still a weak spot, and may call for help. Anyway, even if they do find the punch, they cannot hope to do better than fifth slot. The Chung Hwa and South China Hitless Wonders are both cellar bound, but with Grandpa Leung's baseball school to draw material from, an improvement in the hitting department may lift them up to a possible tie with Sappers for fifth place.

In losing both their opening games, South China not only slammed the cellar door on themselves, but just about locked themselves in for good.

It's all a puzzle at Caroline Hill. After their impressive display in a friendly tilt, when they managed to hold the Mighty Mindanao to only a 4-1 score, scribes even doped them for a look in at the finish of the pennant scramble, but somehow all has not gone well, and they have never got a full turnout.

Probable Finish

To one man up a tree, this is how the teams will finish come September.

U.S.S. Mindanao; Hong Kong Brewers; U.S.S. Asheville/Tulsa; Hong Kong Baseballers; Royal Engineers; Chung Hwa; and South China.

Owing to the fact that four of the five grass tennis courts at Queen Mary Hospital are at present under repair, members of the staff have not been able to get in much tennis recently. It is, however, hoped to arrange matches with other Departments later in the season.

PENALTY FOR DRIVING?

Norman Hellard, one of the best-known Victorian bowlers and winner of the Melbourne Centenary singles in 1934, has written a series of articles which have been compiled in pamphlet form and distributed among Victorian clubs.

Burwood Club, at its Easter carnival, practically banned driving. Only one dead-end was allowed during a game, and if a team repeated the performance a penalty of two points was imposed. This penalty was increased to three points for a third kill, four points for a fourth, and so on.

I have never been convinced of the justification for penalising any form of shot in bowls, writes "Leader" in an Australian paper. The idea comes from New Zealand, but there is little prospect of its becoming popular in Australia.

Hellard, on this subject, writes: "To regard the player who drives as a possible disciple of Larwood in a form of bowls 'bodyline' is a weak outlook on a game, which embodies the skill of rolling a bowl at any width, length or pace."

In one paragraph devoted to "Hints on Practice and Play," Hellard states: "By virtue of the more exacting timing necessary in the execution of the drive, I have found it the most difficult of all the shots, and practised accordingly."

H.K. SKATING CLUB STAGE FIRST EXHIBITION BEFORE CROWD OF 2,000

THE NEWLY-FORMED HONG KONG SKATING CLUB HELD ITS FIRST PUBLIC EXHIBITION AT CRO SKATING RINK LAST NIGHT BEFORE A LARGE CROWD.

The programme was a varied and interesting one and gave ample evidence of the hard work and practice that the members had put in for the display.

Interspersed in the programme were several comical acts, most amusing of which was the bull fight. The "bull" slipped twice and had a hind and fore leg broken. The toreador (J. Drewery) also slipped and was gored.

Owing to spectators encroaching on the rink, the hockey match between Cyclones and the Club had to be postponed to prevent an accident.

Before the show Mr. R. B. Daver, chairman of the club, said that the objects of the club was to foster comradeship and good sportsmanship among skaters and to bring to the notice of all the benefits of skating. The night's exhibition was given to show what could be done with a little practice.

The success of the venture has prompted the club to hold another exhibition next month, and it is understood that this will be in aid of B.W.O.F. and Chinese Charities. Over 2,000 attended last night.

Participants

Following members took part in the main items:—

Fancy Skating:—Miss Mabel Mack and G. Yao.

Comic Skating:—G. Yao and Shieh Tae-wae.

Mixed Trio Act:—Miss Susie Wong, Miss Mabel Mack and Wong Sze-hwa.

Roller stunt:—D. D. Nien, Chang Kiao-yung, Mabel Mack, Yung Ping-hoi, Miss Colleen Leong, Wong Yung and Kwok Wong.

Acrobatic Skating:—Miss Linda Nip, S. W. Mok and Albert Lam.

Humorous Sketch: (The hawk and the old woman):—Yung Ping-hoi and Chang Kow-wing.

Bull Fight:—S. W. Mok and Chang Kow-wing (the bull), J. Drewery (the fighter).

The hockey match (on roller-skates) between Hong Kong Skating Association and Middlesex, which was to have been played to-morrow evening, has been postponed.

CRICKET STARTS AT 8 A.M.!

University open their summer cricket season on Sunday, June 29, when they meet a team from Queen Mary Hospital at Pokfulam, commencing at 8 a.m. University have not yet decided on their team, owing to the Summer Vacation, but the following will represent the Hospital:—

Dr. H. L. Ozorio (Capt.), E. V. Hopkinson, A. Bentley, J. Skinner, Dr. D. J. Valentine, Dr. E. L. Gossano, J. F. McGowan, C. Haynes, Dr. Luie, Dr. C. W. Lam and Mahan Singh.

WOODMAN BEATEN ON POINTS

Jack Yams (Stepney) beat Ernie Woodman (Battersea) on points in the final eliminator contest for the Southern Area cruiserweight championship at High Wycombe last night.—Reuter.

A ping-pong competition among members of Chinese Young Muslim Association is now in progress.

The Steel, Coulson, Billiards, Snooker and Darts Leagues, which have for many years been conducted during the Summer months, have been postponed till the Autumn.



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TANKS CAPTURE PALMYRA

Vichy Forces In Syria May Be Cut In Two

LISBON STEAMER TORPEDOED

The torpedoing of the Portuguese merchant-ship, Ganda, which was reported when 26 survivors out of a total of 16 passengers and 50 members of the crew landed in Lisbon, has excited public opinion in that city.

The Ganda, it was stated, was carrying goods only between Portugal and her West African colonies, as she always did.

"There could be no doubt about her Portuguese markings," says one newspaper.

"The Government will certainly not fail to use every effort to clear up what took place, and we confidently expect the nation to protest indignantly against this wicked act."—Reuter.

HEAVY TANK CLASH COMING

(Continued from Page 1)
German-occupied territory over 15 years of age, to report to the nearest police station for registration within 24 hours.

Odessa Blitzed

The "Daily Express" reports from Ankara that German planes have bombed Odessa on a scale which can only be compared with Rotterdam and Belgrade, and adds that there are indications that the Russians in Bessarabia are merely fighting a rearguard action while the main force is retiring behind the old frontier and the powerful defensive system of the River Dniester.

Similar tactics are expected in Poland and the Baltic States, and, in fact a message from Berne

Advance In South Beyond Damascus

REPORTS FROM CAIRO are to the effect that British troops have reached Palmyra, in Syria, according to a communique issued by G.H.Q. there yesterday. They are meeting with resistance from a Vichy column.

Allied forces are in contact with Vichy troops west of Damascus, but in the town itself the situation is quiet. On the other fronts fighting is continuing.

First to enter Damascus were Allied representatives. They were greeted enthusiastically.

It was not until some time afterwards that troops were permitted to enter.

First into the city were the Free French, followed closely by British of a famous cavalry regiment in armoured cars, and some Australians.

While the French flag was nowhere to be seen on public buildings of the city, the tricolour borne as Free France's emblem was heartily cheered.

Syrian Government

The Syrian Government met shortly before the surrender of the city and assumed full powers over internal affairs which hitherto have been exercised by the French. They also agreed to give amnesty to all political prisoners.

Later, the Syrian Prime Minister

states that the Red Army is voluntarily evacuating a strip fifty miles wide extending practically the entire length of the Russo-German frontier in Poland.—International News Service.

ter, Khaled Bey Alem, and General Gentilhomme met to discuss a proposed treaty whereby Syria would become an autonomous republic.

Rearguard Action

The purpose of the Vichy French in holding out so long after it became evident that the city was bound to fall was to fight a rearguard action in order to cover the retreat in the north-west.

It was believed that the forces would have been able to enter Damascus early in the morning but the unexpected presence of many Vichy tanks and 75's and also troops which had come up from the region of Kuneitra made this impossible.

However, in a little while resistance showed a sign of crumbling and during the morning many Vichy soldiers gave themselves up as prisoners.—Reuter.

Vichy Communique

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
A Vichy communique claims that French military planes heavily bombed important British motorised units invading Syria from Iraq and driving on Palmyra.

The communique says that Damascus was surrendered for political reasons only after the British forces had captured Mezze aerodrome.

It further states that resistance is continuing beyond Damascus as the tired troops of General Dentz rehabilitate themselves after three days and nights of bitter fighting against heavy odds.

Vichy claims that their French forces have recaptured Abou Kemal.

In Cairo, says the International News correspondent there, it is announced that a large column of armoured cars retreating from Damascus to Beirut were scattered by R.A.F. machines, scores being wrecked and damaged.—International News Service.

Vichy Positions Under Shellfire

Allied troops who went through Damascus have occupied positions at Berze, four or five miles north of the town from which they are now exploiting further northwards, according to military circles in Cairo yesterday.

British and Indian forces advancing from Mezze are astride the Damascus-Beirut Road, a few miles north-west of Damascus.

On the coast, the Vichy positions about Demour, 10 miles south of Beirut, are now within range of Allied guns.

A British mechanised column which reached Palmyra after meeting air and ground opposition would appear to be thrusting towards Homs which would effectively cut off the Vichy forces in south Syria from the Northern forces.—Reuter.

FINNISH ENVOY AT FOREIGN OFFICE

Conflicting reports regarding the position of Finland in the Russo-German war lends additional interest to the fact that Mr. Gripenberg, Finnish Minister to London, visited Mr. Anthony Eden at the Foreign Office yesterday, presumably to explain his country's attitude.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Rumanian military circles claim that their southernmost columns, driving from Galatz, have penetrated 50 miles into Russian Bessarabia, according to Martin Agronsky, Ankara correspondent of the National Broadcasting Company.

The Rumanians admit, however, that Russian resistance is extremely fierce, and say that heavy losses are being suffered on both sides.—Reuter.

Railway targets were bombed by the Royal Air Force sweep over northern France on Monday evening, reveals an Air Ministry communique, issued early this morning.

This time the Germans made a more determined effort to interfere than in the sweep earlier in the day, and a fierce engagement occurred over Calais. It was here that two British bombers were lost but the enemy was "again heavily defeated," losing 12 aircraft.—Reuter.

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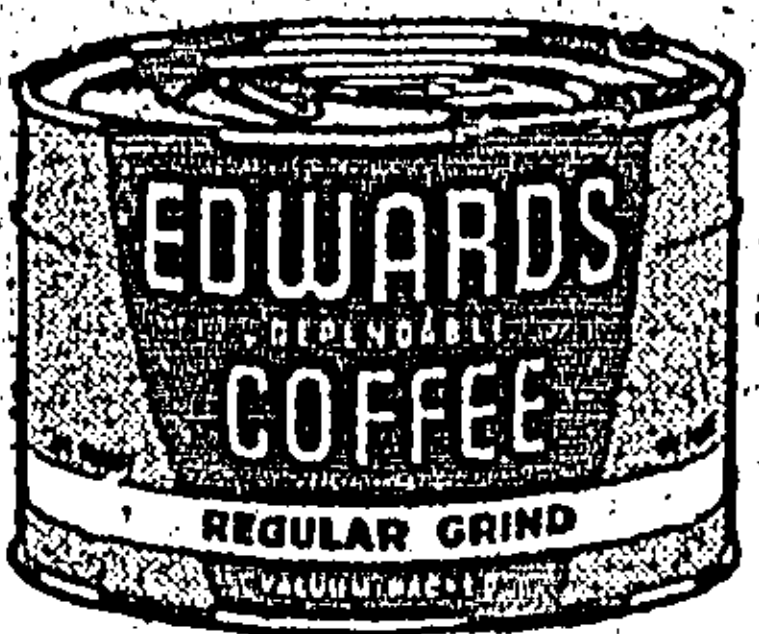
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SOVIET WAR MACHINE NOW RUMBLING INTO ACTION

Brest-Litovsk Captured Sharp Conflict In Reports From The Battle Zones

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ALL RUSSIA TO-DAY RINGS TO THE TREAD OF MARCHING TROOPS AND RUMBLES TO THE MOVEMENT OF HUNDREDS OF TANKS, ARMoured VEHICLES AND MECHANISED SUPPLY UNITS, AS HEAVY UNITS MOVE STEADILY TO THE FRONT FROM MOSCOW.

There seems to be no doubt that the German invasion, despite the events of the previous week, still came as almost a complete surprise, really catching the Soviet on the western front only partially prepared.

The situation is now, however, being swiftly rectified and impressive masses of men and material are now moving forward, the general mobilisation order working smoothly.

Notable feature of the material passing through Moscow is that hundreds of anti-aircraft batteries are included.

As to the actual fighting, while there seems to be no doubt that there have been violent clashes at several points, it is impossible to cross-check the conflicting Moscow and Berlin reports on the progress of the battle.

The Moscow communique claims that the panzer divisions have been held at bay at every vital point, although admitting that ground has been conceded in Lithuania, Russian Poland and Bessarabia. (REUTER ANNOUNCES IN A REPORT FROM NEW YORK THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT THIS MORNING ADMITTED THE CAPTURE BY THE GERMANS OF BREST-LITOVSK, IN RUSSIAN-OCCUPIED POLAND, ACCORDING TO A BROADCAST MESSAGE FROM MOSCOW BY THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY).

Ankara reports indicate that the resistance of the Red Army in Bessarabia has stiffened and that the Rumanian troops are held at most points.

German Claims

The Germans, however, insist that the Nazi troops are ploughing deep into Russia all along the 2000-mile front, which 2,500,000 Russian troops are defending. Apparently, the German offen-

sive is taking the form of a four-pronged thrust, down from Finland towards Leningrad, east from East Prussia into Lithuania, across Poland, and north-east from Rumania.

Time Table Advance

The Supreme Command claims that on the second day of the invasion, the German armies are advancing precisely to their timetable schedule, meeting with no serious resistance.

UNOFFICIALLY, HOWEVER, IT IS REPORTED EVEN IN BERLIN THAT SHARP OPPOSITION HAS BEEN MET FROM SOVIET ARTILLERY AND INFANTRY ON SOME FRONTS, AND ESPECIALLY IN RUSSIAN POLAND.

War correspondents indicate that the main German land thrusts consist of long columns, moving steadily forward while the Luftwaffe systematically pulverises, or attempts to pulverise, the Soviet air bases for many miles ahead.

Hundreds of Soviet planes are reported to have been put out of action on the ground.

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The Rumanians state further that the Russians were not remaining on the defensive but had launched their own offensive against Poland, Rumania, and East Prussia. The Luftwaffe is stated to be very active behind the Russian lines.—Reuter.

Similar tactics are expected in Poland and the Baltic States, and, in fact, a message from Bern states that the Red Army is voluntarily evacuating a strip fifty miles wide extending practically the entire length of the Russo-German frontier in Poland.—International News Service.

COL. DONOVAN GETS A SECRET MISSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

President Roosevelt yesterday commissioned Colonel William J. Donovan a Major-General to supervise Military Intelligence and ally it with the the British Secret Service.

Major-General Donovan's duties will be secret and he will report directly to the President.—International News Service.

HUNGARY BREAKS OFF RELATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hungary has broken off diplomatic relations with Russia as a gesture of solidarity with the Axis.—International News Service.

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
The Japanese attitude towards the Russo-German war will be decided at a Cabinet meeting tomorrow, the liaison conference scheduled between the High Command and the Cabinet for today having been postponed.

The Japanese people appear to have been stunned by the suddenness of the events and, the Prime Minister, Prince Konoye, is conveying all developments to the Emperor.

The Railway Ministry has suspended acceptance of freight via the trans-Siberian railway and passenger traffic has been curtailed.

THE JAPANESE SPOKESMAN SEES THE POSITION AS "EXTREMELY DELICATE." IN VIEW OF THE FRIENDSHIP PACTS WITH BERLIN AND MOSCOW.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

SECOND SHANGHAI BUND MURDER

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
The French police in Shanghai are investigating the murder of a Chinese pedestrian on the French Bund when an unidentified gunman fired a shot from behind and killed the man. The victim was the Chinese editor of the "Evening Post and Mercury."—International News Service.



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Treacherous Attack On Soviet Union Condemned

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS FORMALLY CONDEMNED GERMANY'S "TREACHEROUS ATTACK" ON THE SOVIET UNION. THIS FORMAL DECLARATION OF POLICY WAS READ BY MR. SUMNER WELLES AT A LARGE PRESS CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON.

The Under-Secretary of State declared that the immediate issue before the American people was whether Hitler's plan for universal conquest was to be successfully halted and defeated.

He declared that as no communication has yet been received from Russia, the question of granting aid to the Soviet Union under the Lease and Lend Act had not been decided by the United States Government.

Mr. Sumner Welles observed, however, that the Lease and Lend Act authorised President Roosevelt to furnish aid to any country resisting aggression, and added grimly that the United States can see once more beyond doubt with what intent the present government in Germany negotiates non-aggression acts.

THE ATTACK ON RUSSIA CONSTITUTES A "DIRE WARNING BY GERMANY OF THE HOSTILE, MURDEROUS INTENT BEHIND SUCH ASSURANCES."

Mr. Sumner Welles revealed that the Russian Ambassador, M. Oumansky, had conferred with the United States Government about unfreezing Soviet assets, but the Under Secretary indicated that no decision had yet been reached.

Dangers To America

"Hitler's armies are to-day the chief dangers of the Americas," declared Mr. Welles, who continued that "in the opinion of this Government, consequently, any defence against Hitlerism, and any rallying of forces opposing Hitlerism, from whatever sources these forces may spring, will eventuate in the downfall of the present German government and will, therefore, redound to the benefit of our own defence and security."

"No further proof could conceivably be required of the real purpose and projects of the present leaders of Germany for world domination."

It is now furnished by Hitler's treacherous attack upon Soviet Russia.—Reuter.

Symbol Of Deceit

"The leaders of the German Reich sworn engagements to refrain from hostile acts against other countries are, but a symbol of deceit. To the present German government, the meaning of the word 'honour' is not known."

Declaring that both the Nazi and Soviet governments denied their peoples religious freedom, Mr. Sumner Welles continued,

"To the people of the United States this and other principles and doctrines of Communist dictatorship are as intolerable and as alien to their own beliefs as are the principles and doctrines of Nazi dictatorship."

"Neither kind of imposed overlordship can or will have any support or any sway in the mode of life or in the system of government of the American people, but the immediate issue that presents itself to the people of the United States, is whether this plan of universal conquest for the cruel enslavement of all peoples and for the ultimate destruction of the remaining free democracies which Hitlerism is now desperately trying to carry out, is to be successfully halted and defeated."

"THAT IS THE PRESENT ISSUE WHICH FACES A REALISTIC AMERICA. IT IS THE ISSUE AT THIS MOMENT WHICH MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVES OUR OWN NATIONAL DEFENCE AND SECURITY OF THE NEW WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE."—REUTER.

London Approval

Following Mr. Churchill's broadcast regarding aid to Russia, the latest nation to suffer from German aggression, a sympathetic view is taken in authoritative circles in London of the statement by Mr. Sumner Welles on behalf of President Roosevelt.

While no decision of the United States Government on the question of extending Lend and Lease aid to Russia is yet announced, Mr. Welles' statement leaves the impression that the situation is to receive sympathetic consideration. — British Wireless.

SHANGHAI SPECULATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The Russo-German war has stirred speculation in Shanghai that Soviet ships in Manila will transport supplies to Vladivostok. — International News Service.

Halifax At White House

Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to Washington, conferred with President Roosevelt at the White House yesterday.

Their talk was part of the series of conferences which President Roosevelt is holding with State Department and British officials to analyse how the latest war developments will affect the United States.

There is no indication whether the President has reached any conclusion or decisions.

He had a telephonic conversation with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, who is at present kept away from his office by a slight illness.

Afterwards, President Roosevelt had two telephone talks with Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, who later visited the White House personally.—Reuter.

PRISONERS REACH S. AFRICA

A REPORT FROM DURBAN STATES THAT 1,000 ITALIAN PRISONERS FROM NORTH AFRICA WERE LANDED AT A SOUTH AFRICAN PORT RECENTLY, BRINGING THE NUMBER NOW IN SOUTH AFRICA TO OVER 20,000.

It is also stated that 62 officers, and men of the German raider recently sunk in the Indian Ocean by the cruiser, H.M.S. Cornwall, have also been landed. These are the first German prisoners to be interned in South Africa. — Reuter.

FINLAND CALM

FINLAND IS CALM, SAYS HELSINKI'S CORRESPONDENTS OF SWEDISH NEWSPAPERS, ACCORDING TO MESSAGES RECEIVED BY STOCKHOLM YESTERDAY.

The correspondent of the "Allehand" describes the smoothness of the evacuation of women and children from the Finnish capital where there is still no black-out ordered.—Reuter.

GERMAN RAID ON ALEXANDRIA

Twenty persons were killed and 60 injured in an air raid on Alexandria early yesterday morning, states a Ministry of Interior communique issued in Alexandria yesterday. Some damage was done. — Reuter.

FINLAND PREPARES FOR RAIDS

Helsinki Radio reported yesterday that the Finnish High Command has ordered protective measures to be taken in all towns and densely populated areas against air raids.

More than 1,000 Finnish children have arrived in Sweden.

An air alarm was sounded in Southern Finland on Sunday night.

A Finnish trawler moving out of Petsamo Fjord was stated to have been fired on by a Russian shore battery.

The Finnish Foreign Affairs Ministry has presented an oral protest to the Soviet Minister about the bombing of Finnish objectives by Soviet planes.—Reuter.

ANTONESCU HANDS OVER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

GENERAL ANTONESCU, THE RUMANIAN PRIME MINISTER, HAS HANDED OVER REINS OF GOVERNMENT TO HIS BROTHER, PROF. MIHAIL ANTONESCU, WHILE HE LEAVES FOR THE FRONT TO TAKE OVER COMMAND OF THE RUMANIAN ARMIES.

Prof. Antonescu has been appointed vice-president of the Cabinet and is to act as chief in the absence of the Premier.

The following proclamation has been issued to the army:—

"Smash the enemy to the east and north and liberate your brethren from the Red yoke. Retake Bessarabia and Bukovina." — International News Service.

MALAYA'S GIFTS TO WAR CAUSES

The Malaya Patriotic Fund has sent a further £25,000 to London for distribution for four organisations. The fund has also sent direct to Malta £5,000 for the Malta Air Raid Relief Fund.

In addition the Johore women's section of the Malaya Patriotic Fund has sent £800 for the Queen's Messengers' service. This brings the total sum remitted by the Malaya Patriotic Fund to over £310,000. — British Wireless.

MADRID APPROVES TREACHERY

Senor Sandoval, Spanish Foreign Office spokesman, made the first official Spanish comment in Madrid yesterday afternoon on the Russo-German war.

He told a Press Conference: "I can express to you the satisfaction with which the Spanish Government—final interpreter of the feelings of the people—has received the news of the war against Soviet Russia, common enemy of all and against which the war of liberation of Spain was one of the most determined, noble and heroic struggles."

Asked about rumours concerning Spanish volunteers to fight against the U.S.S.R., the spokesman said: "I am not authorised to reply, but I can say that without doubt it is the desire of many thousands of Spaniards."

Diplomatic Talks

The German Ambassador in Madrid, Herr Von Stohrer, on Sunday had a long conference with General Franco after informing Senor Sano, the Spanish Foreign Minister, about Germany's action against Russia.

Yesterday, Senor Sano received the Italian Ambassador and the Japanese Minister, and will see the Turkish Minister to-day.—Reuter.

"SICK," DODGE EVACUEES

"When certain people know evacuated children are coming into the town they fly to the doctors and get a medical certificate to say they are not fit to take them," said Mr. F. J. Saunders, evacuation officer, at Ilfracombe.

He told the magistrates there that he was unable to accept a medical certificate concerning a woman who refused to take two boy evacuees, stating that he was inundated with them.

The woman, Mrs. Annie Clements, of St. Brannocks Park, Ilfracombe, fined £15, was given five days' warning that the boys would be arriving.

She said she was suffering from heart trouble, but it was stated that she was looking after three men members of her household.

TRIBUTE TO MALTA

HIS MAJESTY THE KING HAS PAID A TRIBUTE TO MALTA'S "UNFLINCHING GALLANTRY AND RESOLUTION."

Replying in a telegram to the Governor of Malta's birthday greetings, the Secretary of State for the Colonies says: "His Majesty thanks you for the message and desires me to say that his thoughts are constantly with his loyal subjects in Malta in the severe ordeal which they are facing with such unflinching gallantry and resolution." — Reuter.

THEFT IN HOTEL

The theft of a watch from his bedroom, at No. 12, Empress Lodge, was reported to the Police by Dr. Harrison, last night.

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NORTH POINT

Polish Cabinet Invitation To The Soviet Government

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"THE POLISH-RUSSIAN question which might have shadowed the outlook of many friends of ours in the West and caused noxious frictions and clashes, I believe may disappear from international politics."

This statement, as made by the Polish Prime Minister, General Sikorski in a declaration, was approved by the Polish Cabinet.

This followed a meeting of the Polish Cabinet to discuss the German attack upon Russia.

The declaration which was broadcast from London to Poland, also declared that Germany, foremost foe of Poland, "has torn asunder an alliance which so long has been the source of our greatest misfortunes."

"By striking at Russia they are undertaking, at a great risk, a task of which the issue is uncertain and must be weakening."

Polish Interest

After declaring that since the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk in 1918, Russia had continually collaborated with Germany, the declaration continued: "We are entitled to assume that Russia will now cancel the Pact of 1939."

"Thousands of Polish men and women including 300,000 war prisoners are still suffering in Russian prisons."

"Should it not be deemed right and honest to restore these people to their country?"

The declaration stated that the German attack "testifies to far greater German weakness than we had suspected."

This attempt to destroy the military power of the Soviet, in order to avoid a threat to the rear of the German armies when they assault the British Isles, can only mean that the Germans fear that military power.

"Also, the quest at all cost for the raw materials of Russia proves the need of such materials." — Reuter.

MURDER ON THE BUND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI'S COSMOPOLITAN BUND WAS THE SCENE OF A MURDER AT 1 P.M. YESTERDAY WHEN A KOREAN, REPORTED TO BE A JAPANESE AGENT, WAS SHOT BY AN UNKNOWN TERRORIST WHO DROVE BY IN A CAR AND OPENED FIRE AT THE KOREAN.

The body of the murdered man has thus far been unidentified and remains a mystery. No papers of any description were found on the man who carried only a watch and some money. — International News Service.

MR. WINANT ACTIVE IN LONDON

Mr. Winant, the American Ambassador to London, called on the Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky, yesterday morning, who later in the day had another conference with Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, to discuss the present situation between Germany and Russia. — Reuter.

PETAIN SUSPECTS DARLAN

Relations between Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan are once more reported to be very strained, says a despatch from the French frontier to the Independent French News Agency in London yesterday.

According to well-informed sources, Marshal Petain has the impression that Admiral Darlan is trying to get rid of him.

He noticed that in several administrative and ministerial offices, Admiral Darlan's photograph replaced his.

Marshal Petain believes that Admiral Darlan is trying to assure himself of the support of ex-Servicemen and that he has made several powerful allies among the police.

Admiral Darlan on his side has been acting very cautiously and does not even inform his own officers and intimate collaborators of his plans. — Reuter.

CANADA MAY SEND WHEAT TO SOVIET

The Government will shortly review its attitude towards wheat shipments to Russia, with prospects that permits will be granted, states a message from Ottawa. Last autumn Canada refused Russian orders, fearing the wheat would reach Germany. — Reuter.

ENEMY DESTROYER BELIEVED SUNK IN BEIRUT

An enemy destroyer is believed to have been sunk in the harbour at Beirut on Sunday afternoon, states an R.A.F. Middle East communique, which says that R.A.F. bombers attacked enemy shipping in the harbour at Beirut, one destroyer receiving a direct hit and is believed to have sunk, while a merchantman alongside a mole was set on fire.

During the previous night the harbour was also raided by Fleet Air Arm aircraft and bombs were seen to fall across the wharves. Australian planes machine-gunned and destroyed a number of Vichy transport vehicles on the Damascus-Beirut road.

R.A.F. bombers early on Sunday morning attacked a convoy of enemy merchant shipping escorted by destroyers along the Tripolitanian coast. One ship of 6,000 tons was badly damaged and other bombs were seen falling close to other ships in the convoy, probably damaging them.

One Italian plane was shot down over Malta yesterday by British fighters, and one more Messerschmitt is now known to have been destroyed by British fighters on June 17, in addition to the six already claimed. One British aircraft is missing from all the above operations but the crew is safe. — Reuter.

SENSATION IN VICHY

News of the outbreak of the Russo-German war caused a great sensation in Vichy where up to the last moment it had not been expected, says the Vichy correspondent of the Zurich "Gazette de Lausanne."

Official circles are reserved, the correspondent adds, but certain influential quarters expressed satisfaction that Hitler "aims at undertaking a crusade against Communism." — Reuter.

FINLAND PROTESTS TO RUSSIA

A protest against the bombing of Finnish objectives by Russian planes was made to the Soviet Minister when he visited the Finnish Foreign Minister yesterday says the Finnish Radio quoted by Reuter.

N.Z. Concurs In Policy

THE PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND, MR. PETER FRASER, ANNOUNCED IN LONDON AFTER CONSULTATION WITH HIS GOVERNMENT IN NEW ZEALAND HE WAS IN THE POSITION TO STATE THAT THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT ENTIRELY CONCURS IN THE POLICY LAID DOWN BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN HIS BROADCAST ON SUNDAY NIGHT WITH REFERENCE TO THE GERMAN ATTACK ON RUSSIA.

New Zealand will be glad to associate itself in this matter with His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom. This is the first of the British

SPEEDY ACTION BY R.A.F.

The R.A.F. has given speedy action to Mr. Churchill's promise to Russia of fierce day and night bombing of the Germans yesterday, and within a few hours of the Prime Minister speaking on Sunday night.

Twice yesterday at least, bombers accompanied by a large number of fighters, swept over northern France and while their escorts were shooting down 18 German fighters, attacked once again the important industrial plant near Bethune and other targets.

The objectives of the offensive sweep in the evening have not so far been disclosed, but experienced listeners on the English coast were inclined to believe that heavy attacks were being made on German advanced aerodromes.

Two bombers and two fighters are missing while eighteen German fighters were shot down. By contrast very little opposition was met in the first sweep of the day and fighter pilots, particularly the Poles, were glum on their return at the disinclination of the enemy to fight.

On Sunday night, north-west German naval ports, chiefly Bremen and Wilhelmshaven, were hammered. — Reuter.

Dominion Governments officially to endorse the "British aid for Russia" policy enunciated by Mr. Winston Churchill on Sunday. — Reuter.

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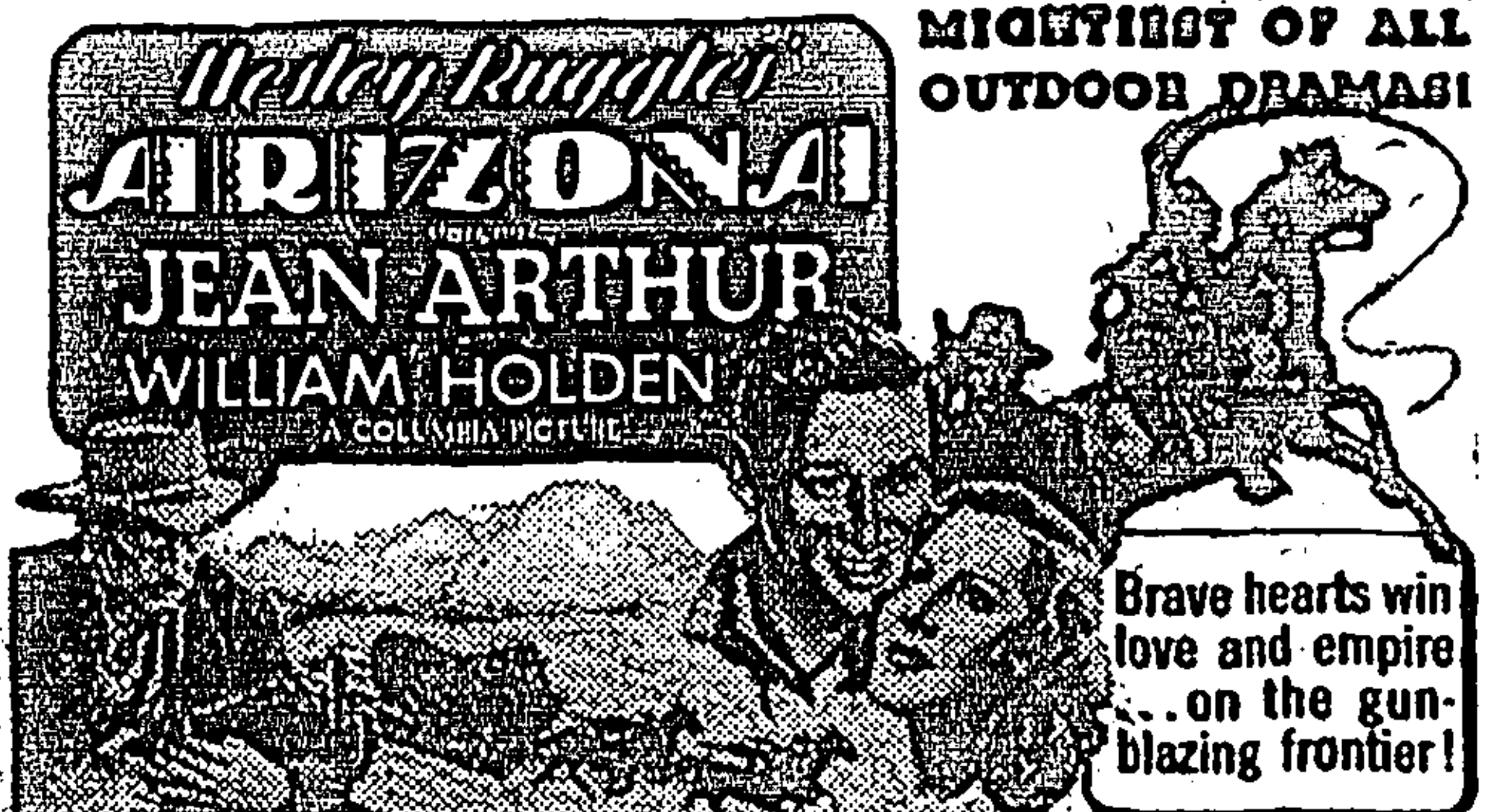
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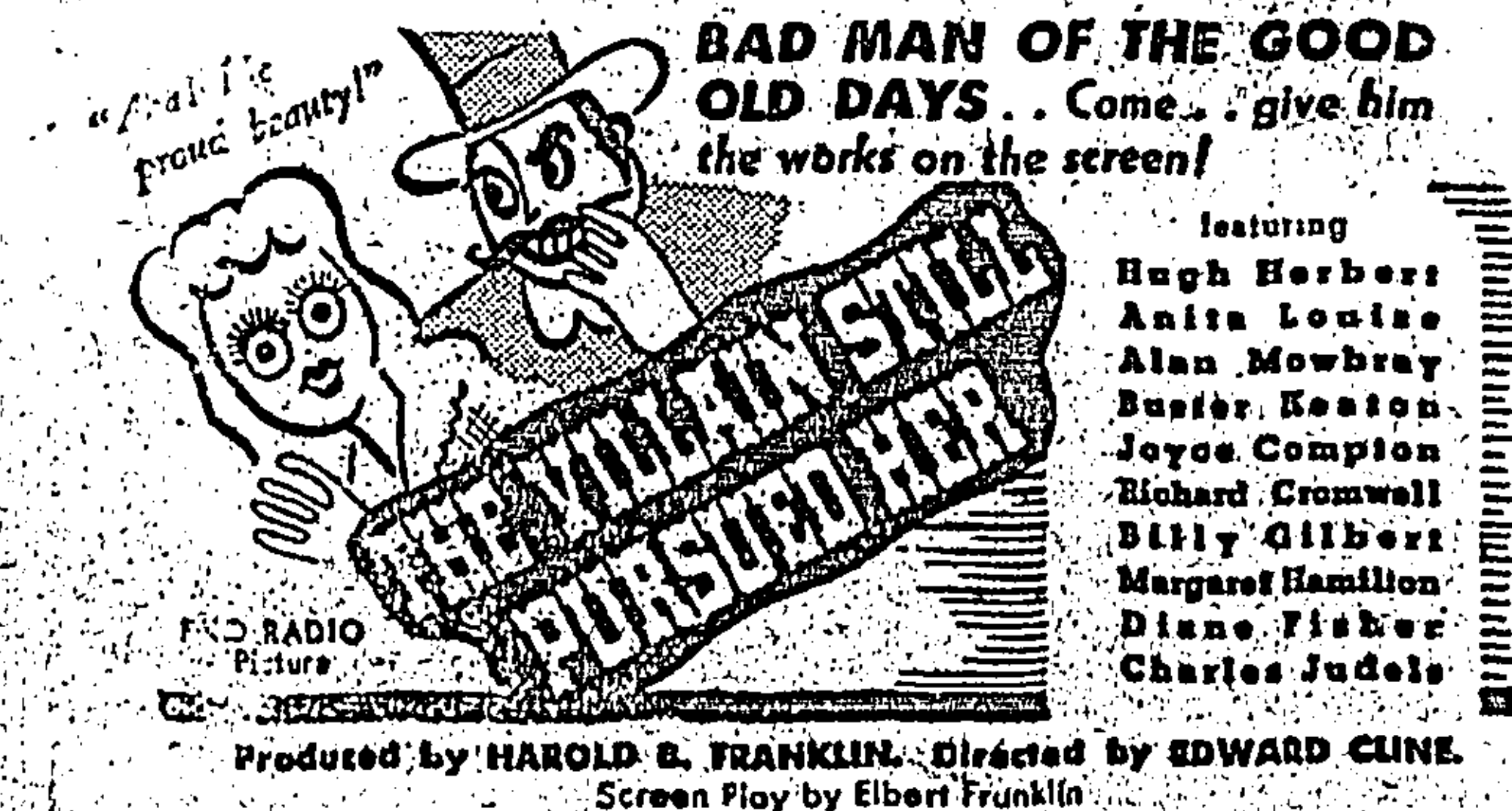


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SWEDISH CABINET HOLDS EMERGENCY MEETING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

KING GUSTAV OF SWEDEN, who hurried to Stockholm yesterday, in response, it is hinted in well-informed quarters, to a German demand that Sweden define her attitude, summoned an extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet.

The meeting lasted for several hours, but no official announcement has been made regarding the agenda or the decisions reached.

It is stressed in official quarters in Stockholm, however, that Sweden will take every possible step to preserve her neutrality, and all Swedish shipping in the Baltic has been ordered to make for the near Swedish report immediately.

News from Norway of large-scale German troop movements has excited Swedish opinion. Although the German concentrations appear to be chiefly in the western and south-western areas of Norway, it is felt that this may be a precautionary move against British military operations, which might be undertaken if Germany took hostile action against Sweden.—International News Service.

LARGE SCALE EVACUATIONS

A sudden increase in German activity on the south and west coasts of Norway is indicated in reports reaching the London Norwegian Telegraph Agency.

German troops are reported to be constantly moving westwards from Oslo, and a large part of the coastal region has been declared a fully prohibited area and permits for entrance to and exit from it are issued only very exceptionally.

The area extends inland for about 80 miles from the north side of Nord Fjord and then southwards passing the head of Sognef Fjord and Hardanger Fjord, and as far south as Krageroe on the south coast.

Large scale evacuations of Norwegian citizens are being undertaken with drastic suddenness.

In the Oberlandet district, near Trondheim, large cultivated areas are being taken over by the Germans. Farmers are being driven out at a moment's notice, and at one place the Germans even set fire to some barracks in order to clear the ground.—Reuter.

ITALIANS UNDER CONTROL

ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO PREVENT ANY ITALIAN NATIONALS FROM LEAVING THE UNITED STATES, PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN ORDERED.

The Department of Justice in Washington announces it has issued instructions to this effect to immigration and border patrol officers. This action duplicates the step taken against Germans on June 18.—Reuter.

8,000 PRISONERS AT JIMMA

Italian prisoners taken at Jimma are officially estimated at 8,000, states a London report. These include one Corps Commander, two divisional commanders and eight brigadiers.—Reuter.

JUST A REMINDER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

GERMAN PLANES YESTERDAY MORNING, JUST BEFORE DAWN, DROPPED BOMBS ON LONDON FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR MANY DAYS, APPARENTLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING A REMINDER THAT ALL NAZI BOMBERS HAVE NOT BEEN DIVERTED TO THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

The London alert was, however, brief and only a few bombs were dropped, doing little damage and causing no casualties.

The R.A.F. is still raiding Germany and the invasion ports in powerful force.—International News Service.

BIG ORDER FOR HUGE BOMBERS

It is understood that 200 aircraft are involved in an order which Mr. Hope, Canadian Munitions Minister, announced had been placed with the National Steel Car Corporation for Martin B-26 twin-engined 13 ton bombers. Excluding the cost of engines, propellers and instruments, it totals 25 million dollars.—Reuter.

NOT ALWAYS WHOLE TRUTH

Sir Walter Monckton, Director-General of the Ministry of Information, speaking in London, said: "We want to tell you everything as promptly as we can, but while we will tell you the truth and nothing but the truth, it is not always safe to tell the whole truth."

GERMAN ACTIVITY IN NORWAY

The Norwegian Telegraph Agency reports a sudden increase of German activity along the south-west coasts of Norway, and that large-scale evacuations of Norwegians have been ordered immediately.—Reuter.

TURKEY ASKS QUESTIONS

While Turkey has proclaimed her neutrality in the German-Soviet war, she has asked Germany to define her aims with regard to Russia, and particularly territories of Caucasus, reports the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French Agency.

It is stated in Istanbul that a British Military Mission is leaving Egypt for Moscow to co-ordinate the war efforts of the two countries. The Soviet Black Sea fleet was sighted yesterday cruising in the neighbourhood of the Bosphorus.—Reuter.

International News says that the Turkish Government yesterday issued a decree proclaiming a state of siege throughout the country.

President Ineuhiu has gone to Istanbul for an emergency meeting of the Cabinet, while von Papen and M. Sarajoglu have had further conversations.

Official sources refuse to indicate the Government attitude, but unofficially some express the hope that Germany's break with Russia will benefit her relations with Turkey.—International News Service.

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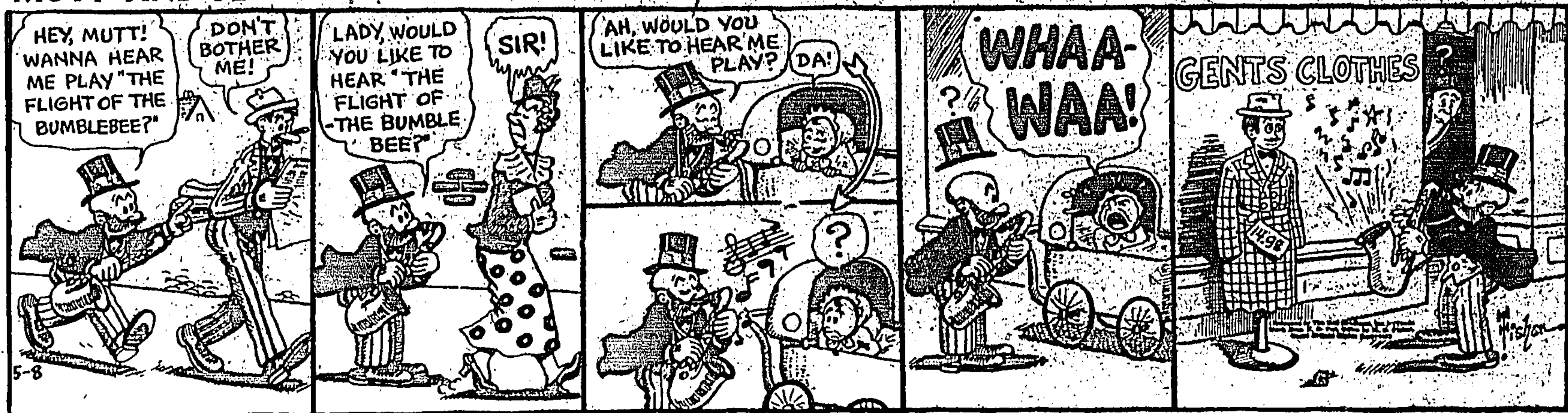
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EXTREME CAUTION
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IN JAPAN

THE SOVIET-GERMAN war was splashed in all the morning papers and also monopolised all the editorials yesterday in Tokyo. Extreme caution is the keynote and sparse references were made to Japan with a complete absence of speculation regarding the attitude of the Government.

The Japanese High Command had a conference with the key members of the Cabinet yesterday afternoon, and the Press attitude towards the new belligerents seems to be nearly impartial, with speculation on the ultimate outcome left as a big question mark.

The former Ambassador to Tokyo, Mr. Togo, says the capture of Leningrad, Moscow and the Ukraine will not decide the issue while Col. Akita, former Military Attaché in Berlin, on the other hand, predicts in the "Hochi" a German victory by the autumn.

He draws a moral from the new war in the following terms: "We have been taught how unreliable international treaties are and all we can depend upon is our own nation."—Reuter.

MOVEMENT
OF ITALIANS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE YESTERDAY FORBADE ITALIANS LEAVING THE U.S. "PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS." A MOVE DESIGNED TO PREVENT ITALIAN CONSULAR OFFICIALS AND AGENTS CARRYING OUT FUNDS PREVIOUSLY SECRETED.

The State Department is arranging the departure of Italians via Lisbon by American ship, with the British providing a safe passage. — International News Service.

CANALS TO
CARRY
FOOD

Britain's vast network of 3,600 miles of canals and inland waterways, neglected for years, will soon be as busy as they were in the days of their Victorian prosperity and will be playing a vital part in speeding up the country's war transport system.

Since his appointment by the Minister of Transport to investigate the canal system, Mr. Frank Pick, former L.P.T.B. vice-chairman, has been getting a move on.

Taking the Minister at his word that "speed is the essence of the case," he has been roaming the country, probing the use—and disuse—of our canals, only coming back to town at intervals for hurried conferences with his chief.

Now, without waiting to submit a final report on his investigations, he has handed the Minister an interim report containing a number of recommendations.

Cutting Out Waste

The "Daily Mirror" understands that Mr. Pick's proposals include:

New wharf accommodation at various points along the canals to ease war industries of their transport difficulties.

Speedier means for finding skilled labour to operate hundreds of barges now lying idle.

Two-way schedules that will keep boats employed all the time and eliminate wasteful empty return journey.

Expansion and speed-up of canal system for bringing about quicker and more even distribution of nation's food.

The Minister of Transport is so much in agreement with Mr. Pick—recently he confessed himself "becoming very bargeminded"—that he has already started putting some of the earlier recommendations into practice without waiting for the completion of the inquiry.

FALSE PRETENCES
CHARGE

Two weeks' hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning on Lam King-wai, 23, for obtaining \$20 by false pretences from Sze Kam-kwong, shop master.

Accused, formerly employed by the Kwong Wah Hospital, sent a woman with a letter in which he asked for \$10 as one of complainant's clansmen was sick in hospital. The shop gave the woman \$10.

On June 15, accused obtained a further \$10.

On June 19, however, he was arrested by the police.

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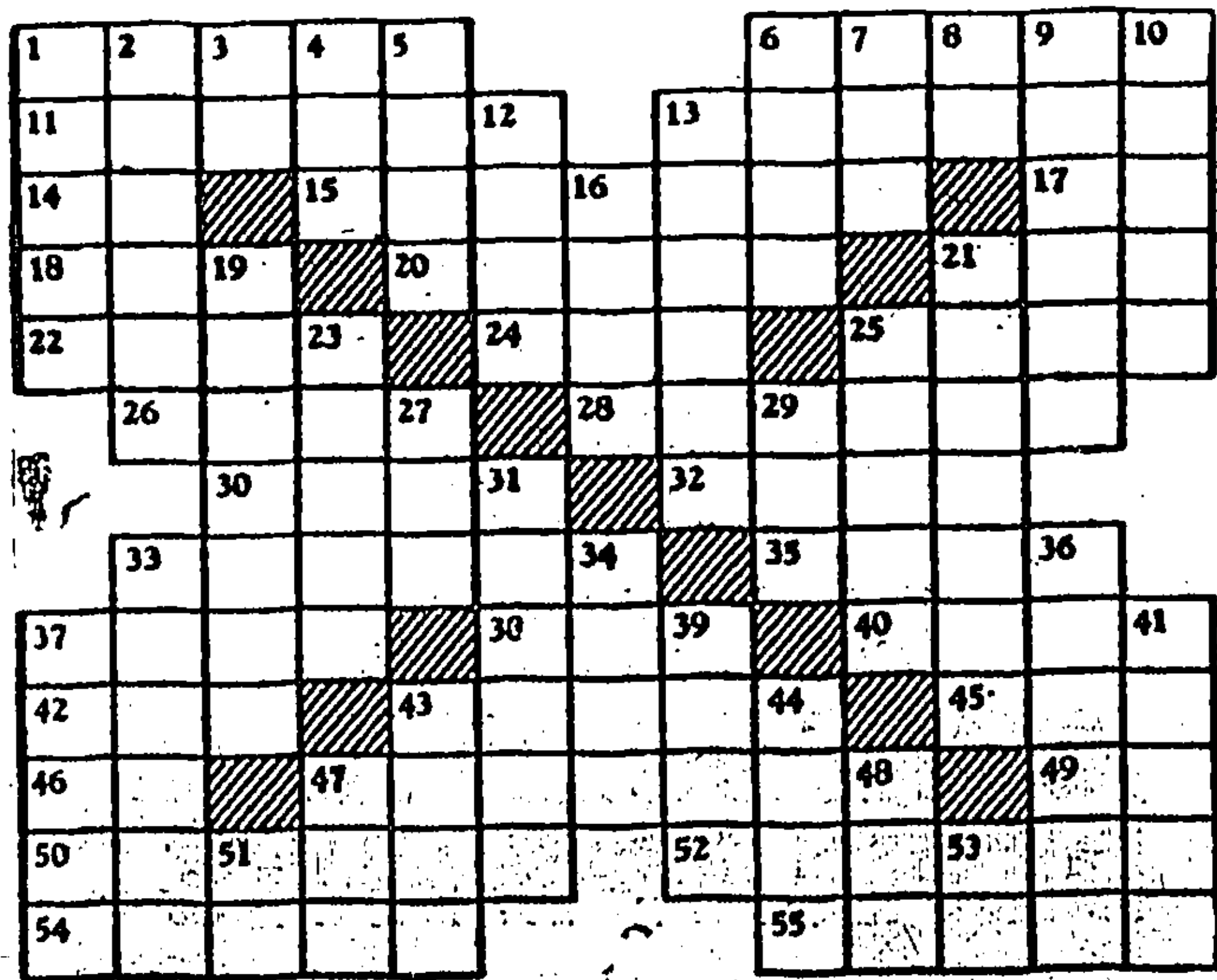
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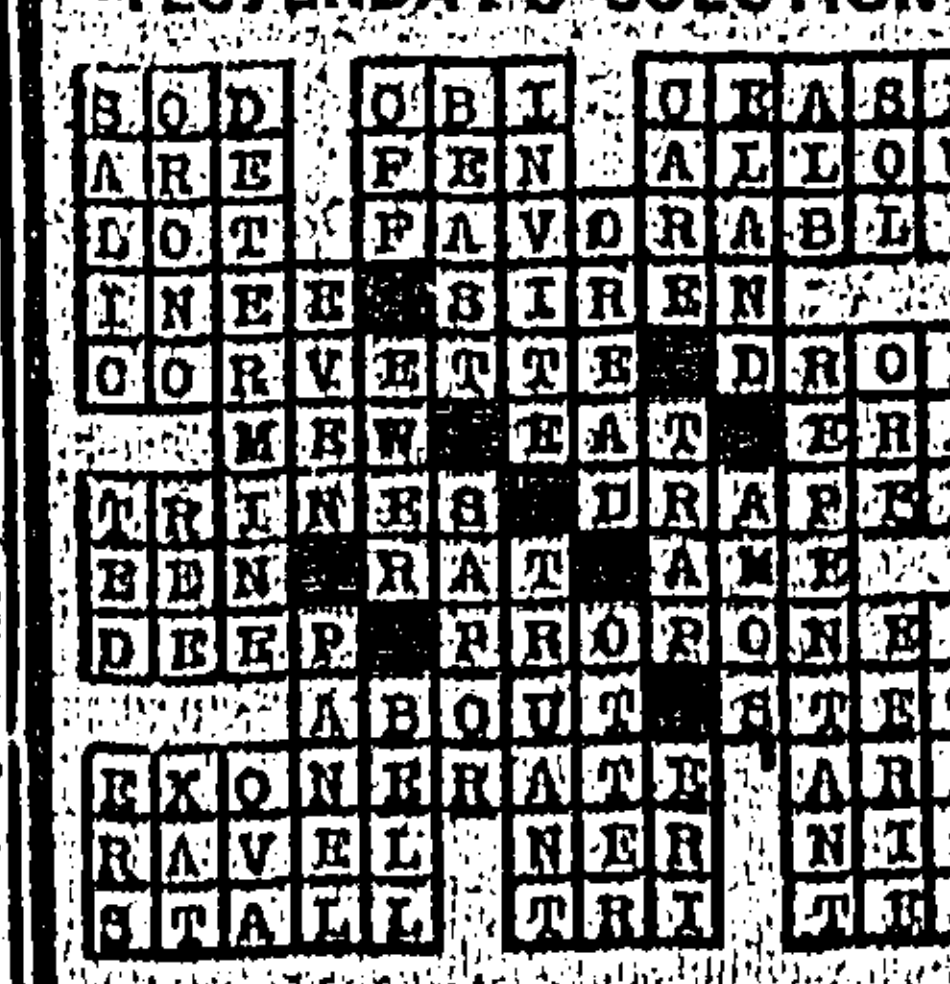
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- 14 Land measure
- 15 Workshop
- 17 Symbol for oil
- 18 Man's name
- 20 To rub out
- 21 Greek letter
- 22 Square of three
- 24 Worm
- 25 The dull
- 26 To remove
- 28 Perceived
- 30 Nothing but
- 32 Weaving machine
- 33 To place
- 35 One
- 37 Shelter
- 38 Scoundrel
- 40 Ghostly
- 42 Mother of
- 43 Peer Gynt
- 44 Particle
- 45 To petition

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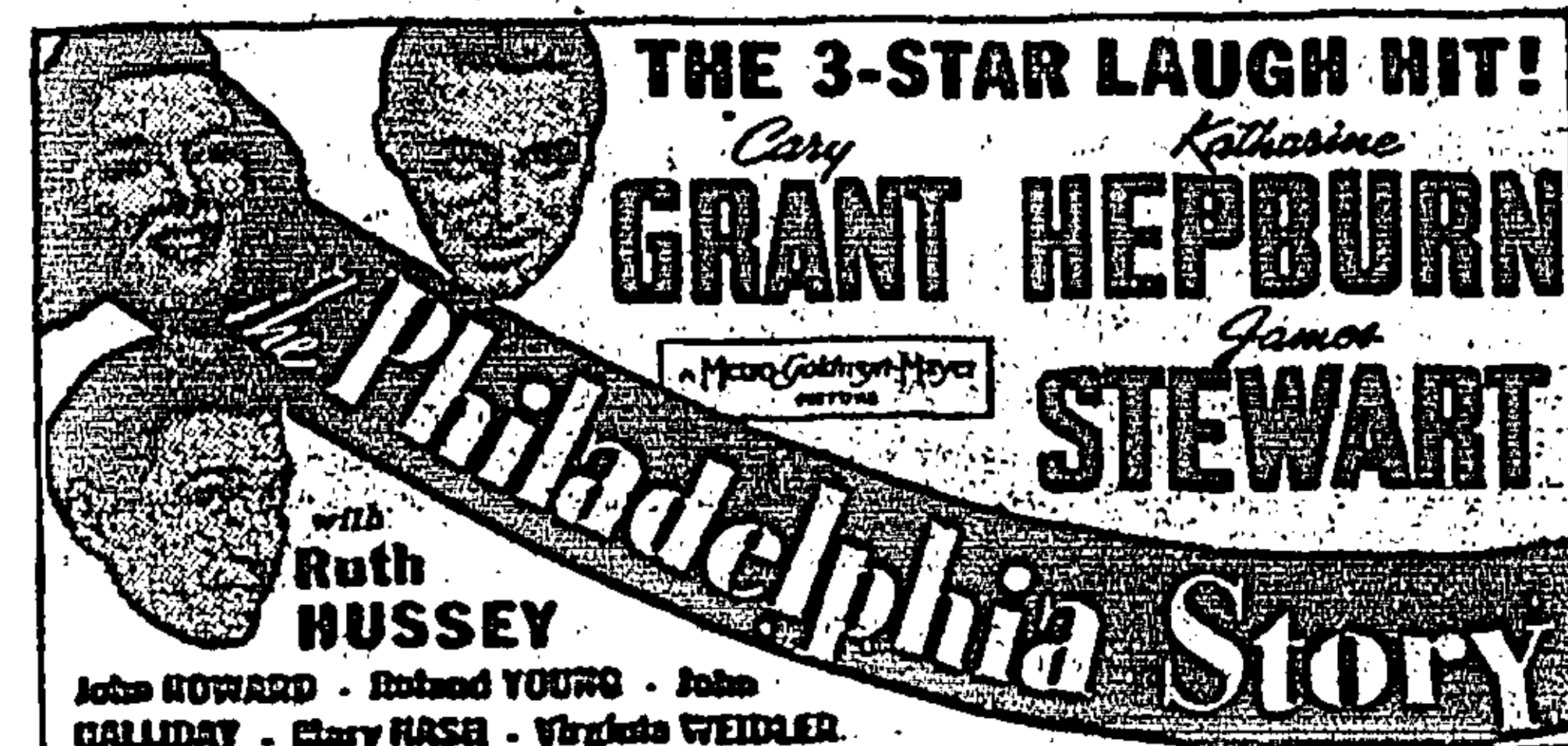
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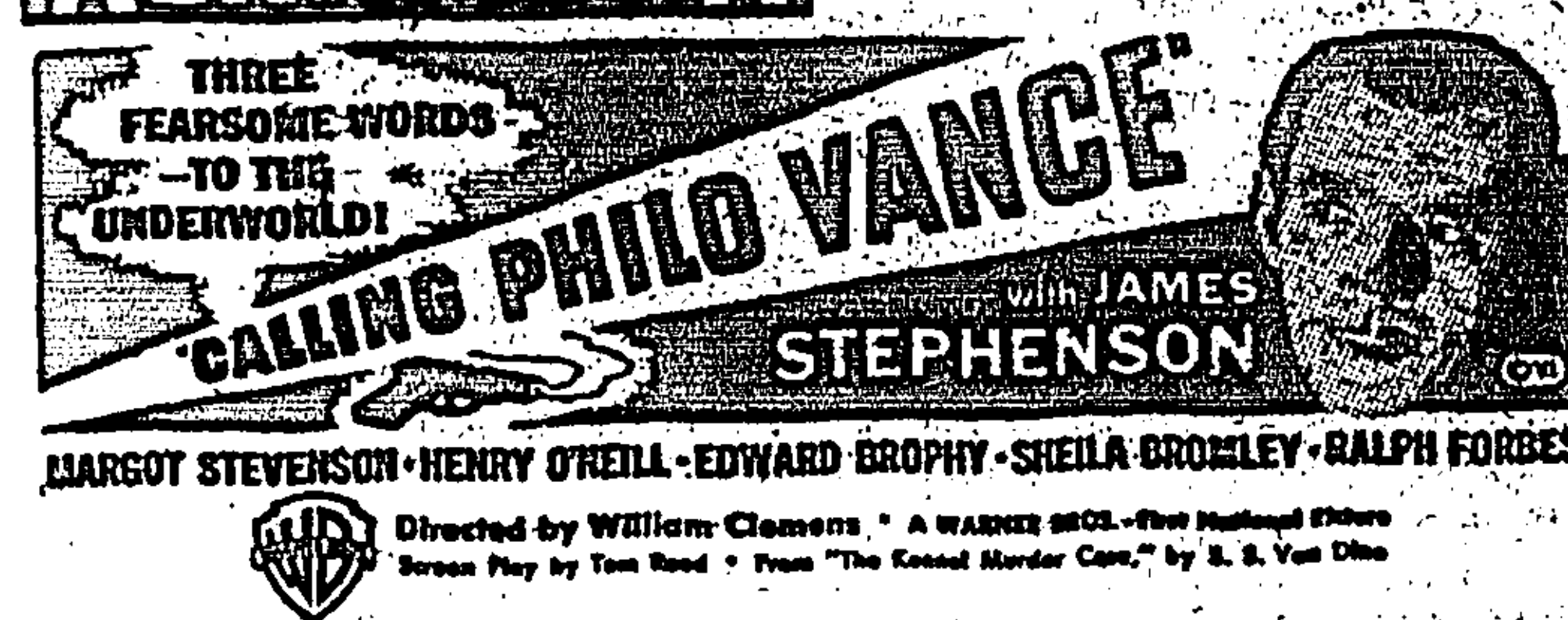


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BRIGADIER GIVES INSIDE DOPE ON BATTLE FOR CRETE

BRIGADIER INGLIS, one of the New Zealand commanders in Crete, who is now in England has given an account of the Crete operation.

He explained that the bulk of the defenders of the Island had been evacuated there from Greece. Many of them were non-combatants and unarmed, and therefore unable adequately to contribute to the defence of the island.

It had been impossible to evacuate them to Egypt for the same reason that it was impossible to make good the losses in equipment of the troops evacuated from Greece to Crete, namely the overwhelming difficulties imposed on shipping by the control of the air by the enemy.

Further, the ports and beaches on Crete had been heavily bombed for some time before the actual invasion of the island took place.

Describing the first day of the invasion, Brigadier Inglis said that a terrific circus of aircraft of all types came in from the north. They carried on for hours heavy bombing and machine-gunning.

Then parachutists were dropped.

At Heraklion, these mostly fell among our troops and were soon dealt with, and in a short time were captured by the Australians and New Zealanders.

Air-borne troops and large quantities of weapons which were landed next day by aircraft carrying out a continuous bus service between the island and the Greek mainland played a more important part than the parachutists. The German parachutists, said Brigadier Inglis, were young, not particularly tough, and fairly easily disposed of.

No air force sufficient to deal with the huge masses of German aircraft could have operated from the three Cretan airfields. While Egypt was too far away as a base for fighter aircraft, the German bases on the Greek mainland were so close as to have rendered it hopeless to maintain fighter planes on certain airfields.

The Cretan operation was dominated by the German air superiority.

Referring to certain reports that our methods had become obsolete, Brigadier Inglis said that that was far from the truth. Crete had proved the enormous power of the bayonet charge by well-trained determined troops. It was the thing the Germans feared most.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE KILLED BY GUERRILLAS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
TEIKO SADA, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE JAPAN TOURIST BUREAU IN SHANGHAI, WAS SHOT BY CHINESE GUERRILLAS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY ON SUNDAY, WHEN HE TRIED TO SAVE THE LIFE OF A JAPANESE MOTORIST.

Ten Chinese halted the motorist in an attempt to kidnap him when Sada and a party of seven Japanese youths and two girls rushed to the rescue. It was at this stage that Sada was shot.

The report coincides with the news that Chinese guerrillas are extremely active in the outskirts and frequently attack Japanese civilians travelling in cars.—International News Service.

PRUSSIAN JACKBOOT STAMPS

The Prussian jackboot is stamping heavily on German workers in order to force them to produce more and more fodder for the insatiable military machine.

Here are four instances of savage action by East Prussian courts.

They are published by "Die Zeitung," the Free German daily in Britain—one man was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for not returning to work after his holidays.

A seventeen-year-old typist went to prison for five months for not returning to the work for which she had contracted after her leave.

A plumber released from the army for work of war importance failed to report to the firm to which he was assigned, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. A milkster was given eight months' imprisonment for leaving work without resigning.—British Wireless.

AGAKI FUNERAL

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The funeral of Mr. Akagi, Shanghai Municipal Police Deputy Commissioner, who was slain by a terrorist recently, has been arranged to take place tomorrow when only a few have been invited to attend. Special precautions have been adopted.—Reuter.

JAPANESE CONFUSED BY DEVELOPMENTS

"CONFUSION OVER THE Russo-German war cannot be more confounded than in Japan," writes the influential "Washington Post" under the title "Japan's Dilemma."

Convinced that the Moscow-Japan pact was engineered by Hitler, the "Post" adds that neither Berlin nor Tokyo gained any advantage from the agreement which was signed mainly for formality since neither side respected or trusted the other.

Before the Pact days, the "Post" points out, a Nazi-Soviet clash would have been a golden opportunity for the militarists of Japan to seize the Siberian Maritime Provinces.

"So it looks if the Japanese now might forget the empty Russo-Japanese Pact and intervene in the Russo-German war. Such an act on Japan's part might be to Hitler's liking now he is engaged in war with Russia.

"However, any such Japanese

VICHY'S FORCES SURPRISED

A cable received from the war correspondent of the Free French Forces in Syria states: "The Vichy authorities have abstained from informing soldiers of the presence of Free French forces in Syria.

"Nearly all officers and men made prisoner expressed the greatest astonishment at the presence of such considerable bodies of Free French troops.

"Two of many examples are particularly illuminating—the Captain of a Chad unit saw, driving up to him, a mounted orderly bearing a message from a Colonel giving the order to attack as Kisswe had just been captured. The Captain sent back the messenger for more detailed information. The latter came back saying his superior officer was coming to explain matters. The officer of the Vichy troops, himself a Captain, thereupon came up furious, asking excitedly why the order had not been carried out as soon as received.

The Free French Captain, immediately realising the situation, replied the someone had evidently blundered and asked the visitor to hand over his revolver before any further explanation.

In another incident, a flying sergeant who had been piloting a Dewoitine brought down yesterday, adamantly refused to believe for some time that he had landed in the Free French force's line.—British Wireless.

43'S TO REGISTER

It is announced that on July 5, all men born in the years 1898 and 1899 will be required to register for employment in war service.—British Wireless.

move would not benefit Hitler in the long run but, on the contrary, might prove the first step of the Japanese in breaking away from their Axis arrangement with Hitler.

Senator Claude Pepper advocated United States aid to the Soviet, echoing Mr. Churchill's radio broadcast. He declared: "Our policy is to defend America against Hitler and to help others—Britain, China, Greece, Russia or any other people—to fend Hitler off."—Central News.



HOIST WITH HIS OWN PETARD

The predicament in which Soviet Russia finds herself to-day arouses less sympathy than has been accorded to any previous victim of Herr Hitler. There never has been a more glaring example of the utter futility of a policy of appeasement in dealing with a cold calculating madman like Hitler, but it is difficult to overlook the fact that Stalin has had no compunction about profiting by Hitler's depredations in Europe and has been guilty of equally naked aggressions against Poland, Finland and Rumania. It may be contended, with a certain amount of truth, that Stalin's primary interest was the strengthening of Russia's strategic position against this very thrust by Germany, but it would be easier to give expression to a mood of ready forgiveness if the Kremlin had been quite frank about it, instead of seeking to justify its actions by the same sort of incredulously stupid charges as were made, by Herr Hitler on Sunday against the Soviet.

Disinclination to forget the part that the Soviet has played in Europe in the last two years will not, however, diminish the will to assist Russia by every means in our power. If Russia is not our ally, she has been attacked by Germany in defiance of prior treaty engagements and a common interest with us is established. More than that, it is in our own direct interest to stiffen the Russian resistance to the German steamroller as far as lies within our capacity, to the utmost of our capacity. It is no time for recriminations or ideological calculations. Hitler's attack upon Russia is but part of the wider German strategy which has as its final aim the smashing of resistance in the British Isles and the completion of his conquest of the Western Hemisphere. He wants the Ukraine and the Baku oilwells to exploit their resources for use against the British Empire. And we are placed in deadlier danger if he succeeds, as some observers think he may, in running through Southern Russia like a knife through butter. It is not, however, such an easy task that Hitler has set himself. Experience in the Ukraine in 1918 will not be far from the minds of the German General

THE protection of civil liberties must be a vital preoccupation of a Britain which proposes to emerge from war with its democratic foundations uninjured. The Government has powers little short of absolute over the lives and property of its citizens. How has it used those powers?

From letters which have reached me from the United States it is clear that there are some people who have judged our position rather in terms of the powers conferred by Parliament on the Executive than in terms of the latter's exercise of them. Some incident, above all perhaps, the suppression of the "Daily Worker" has struck their imagination, and they have assumed that the war-powers of the Executive have deprived us of the major freedoms. It seems to me, a matter of interest and importance to analyse the use of the Emergency Powers by the Cabinet. Only in that way can the outsider get a real perspective about our situation.

I take first freedom of the press. Here two papers, both of them Communist, the "Daily Worker" and the "Week" have been suppressed. In each case the suppression has been by an executive act from which there is no appeal to a Court of Law. I myself have regretted that the "alternate regulation" which permits such an appeal, was not used by the Home Secretary. In the debate in the House of Commons on his decision, however, he was upheld by an overwhelming majority.

Under the regulation which permits the prosecution of persons charged with creating alarm and despondency, there have been 105 cases. In only twenty of these have sentences of imprisonment, varying from one day to three months, been imposed. In the remaining cases, the offender has

Staff, and they have to deal on this occasion with a population far more skilfully versed in sabotage. But we must do our part. The harder we can make it for Hitler the better it will be for us. The sole consideration of any real importance is that when we help Russia, we help ourselves.

been either bound over or fined, and in twelve of them the case has been dismissed by the magistrates. In fourteen of the cases where fines have been imposed, these have, on review by the Home Secretary, been either remitted or reduced.

Under the regulations dealing with acts of sabotage, there have been four convictions, all, significantly enough, occurring in June, 1940. Two of the accused were sentenced to three months' imprisonment, and two were fined.

Under the regulation dealing with power over processions and public meetings, public processions of a political character have been banned in London, (as they have largely been since the Fascist unrest of 1936) but not elsewhere. Three meetings have been prohibited in the whole country.

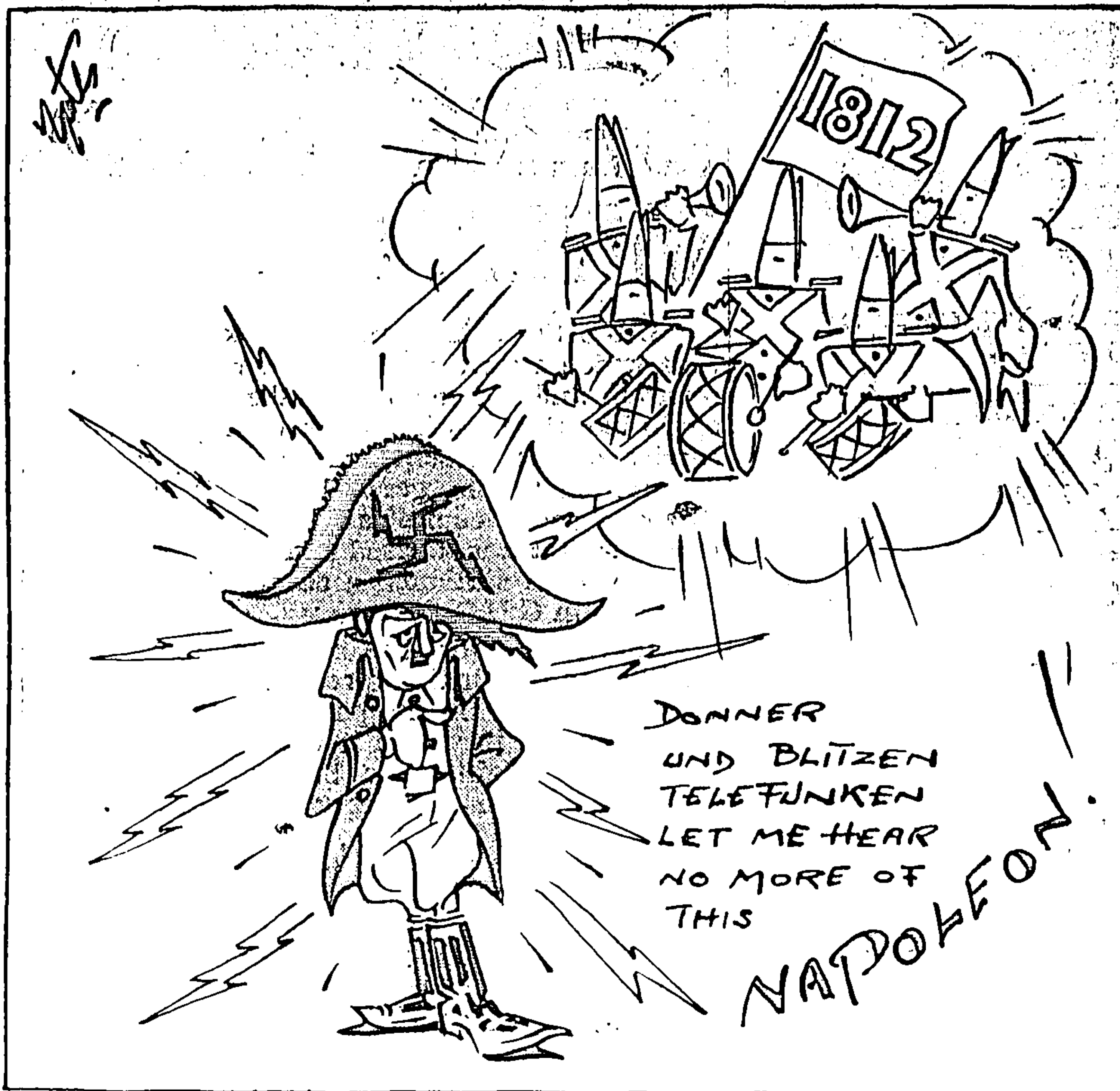
A drastic regulation gives the Home Secretary the power to detain persons whose conduct or views makes it seem likely that they may be guilty of action prejudicial to the safety of the realm. Under this power, some 500 persons who possess British nationality, but were of Italian origin, and were believed to be in sympathy with the enemy, were interned on the outbreak of war with Italy. About 200 of these have since been released. About 700 persons have been interned because they were active supporters of the British Union of Fascists—Sir Oswald Mosley's organisation. About 400 of these, mostly the lesser fry, have since been released. About 400 persons have been detained because, owing either to their hostile origin or associations, there was ground for believing that they were in sympathy with the enemy. Of these, 130 have since been released. The total number of persons now under detention as a result of orders from the Home Secretary is 929, of whom 790 are men and 139 are women. All of them have been informed of the charges against them and permitted to state their case against detention to a powerful Advisory Committee in the Home Office over which an eminent Liberal lawyer, Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., has presided. Most of the releases ordered by the Home Secretary have been

the outcome of this Committee's recommendations.

Two other classes of cases merit a word. There have been some hundreds of cases of investigation of persons by the police, resulting on occasion, in search of premises and examination of persons. These have been the outcome, in over ninety per cent. of the cases, of information sent to the police of alleged offences e.g. signalling to enemy aeroplanes on the part of the person investigated. The duty of investigation in cases of this kind cannot, I think, be denied. It cannot either be denied that there have been occasions on which the police have acted with stupidity and harshness.

An important issue has just arisen over the decision of the B.B.C. not to employ any person who supports the People's Convention, the recently formed and Communist-inspired organisation to promote revolutionary defeatism. This decision has aroused wide protest already. There can be no doubt that it is an indefensible decision, utterly alien from the Government's own attitude to those of its employees who participated in, or have given support to, the Convention.

This is the record as it stands so far. Roughly, this is to say, some 1,600 citizens are or have been detained for various periods; some 150 people have been fined amounts up to fifty pounds; and twenty-three people have been imprisoned for periods not exceeding three months. As one to whom civil liberty is a matter of the deepest urgency, I cannot believe that anyone with a sense of proportion can regard these figures as indicative of a desire in the executive to menace the freedom of the citizen. There have been stupidities, even brutalities, on the part of the police. One or two magistrates, in "alarm and despondency" cases have played the fool on the bench. More than that the record does not permit anyone seriously to claim. In the most important case of detention, that of a well-known Communist figure, I have myself carefully investigated the issue. I should myself have ordered his internment on the evidence; I add that, on that evidence, in either Germany or the Soviet Union, his execution would have been inevitable. I do not therefore accept the view that he is a martyr of a Government careless of working-class liberties. On the contrary, the mildness of his treatment is in striking contrast to the seriousness of his offence.



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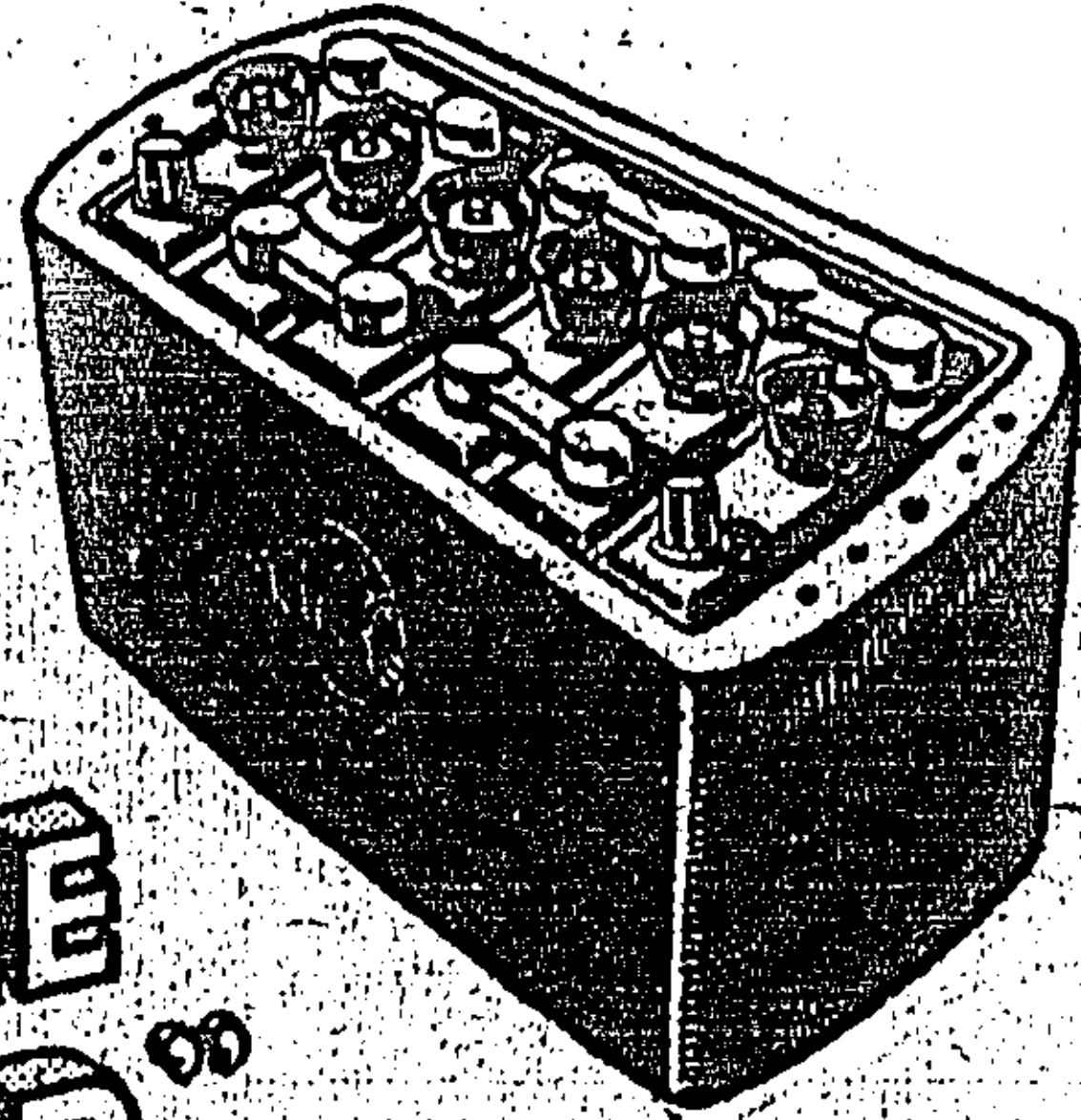
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"GERMAN" ARMY DEFEATED IN WILTS

LIKE SO MANY military exercises nowadays, that which I have just seen represented a German invasion and the measures taken to repel it. But, again like the majority of exercises which are being carried out at present, this had a special purpose, in addition to the general purpose of setting the whole of some complicated machinery in motion. It was to test a motorised division and an armoured division, both stationed a considerable distance inland and in G.H.Q. reserve.

Inevitably, for the sake of crops, both the hostile and the British forces had to be shepherded by strict control on the part of the Army Commander into areas in which it was desired by him that they should fight their battles; and that of the tanks was in this case equally inevitably. Salisbury Plain.

Yet the development of the operations was perfectly credible and involved no loss of realism. Moreover, though the divisions had their roles laid down for them and were instructed to advance or retire to certain lines at certain hours, they knew nothing of these moves till the orders reached them. And they reported the progress of the battle as news to their corps headquarters, so that the system of control and intelligence (including even the interrogation of prisoners) could be practised. And though certain of the formations engaged were represented only by skeleton forces, at least \$50,000 troops took part, so that administration and supply could also be given a real test.

The German "Landing"

Three German divisions were supposed to have effected a landing on a broad stretch of coast in the area of the Southern Command. One of them on the left flank was obviously out to capture a small port, and to capture it for a purpose for which the enemy will obviously want a port if he attempts large-scale invasion—to put a Panzer division ashore. The landing-places were (theoretically) heavily bombed by the R.A.F., but it was reported by the pilots that the "Flak" was very formidable. In practice the invaders were given every advantage, and permitted to complete their landing operations in a brief space of time, as though they had suffered little or no interruption from bombing. It was, however, accepted that the Navy had prevented further reinforcement.

All three German divisions fought their way inland, the two right-hand ones wheeling right to enlarge the footing gained and driving before them the remnants of the original defenders of the beaches to create a wide gap.

G.H.Q., however, handed over the motorized division, and it moved rapidly through the night in brigade groups of all arms to strike the enemy's right flank on the morning of the second day.

The intervention of these fresh troops brought about a change in the local situation. But it was too late; on the left the Panzer division was already ashore, and its armoured cars, pushing boldly into the gap, made very rapid progress.

A Vulnerable Objective

In these circumstances the commander of the motorized division did not dare to continue his counter-offensive, which would have carried him into the very open country of the plain. A motorized division may hope to put up a stiff resistance to tanks if it has time to consolidate a strong position, but if caught on the move its transport is one of the most vulnerable military objectives that can be imagined. In any case this division was somewhat widely dispersed, its leading brigade having pushed forward very quickly, while one of the rear brigades seemed to have been held up on the road. The divisional commander therefore ordered it to fall back upon a river and prepare anti-tank defences.

The move was covered by the leading brigade which afterwards passed through into support without having been seriously pressed by the enemy's

infantry. The Panzer division disregarded it and advanced straight inland.

Meanwhile G.H.Q. was being asked—"pestered" might almost be the word—to hand over the armoured division to meet the new Panzer threat. But G.H.Q. had their own anxieties in other areas. They replied in effect:—"You may concert plans with it, but you must not touch it till you're told to," and not till 7 a.m. on the third day of the exercises was it released. I had already heard the Army Commander give a short sketch of the main features of the exercise on the first afternoon. But concerting plans meant a conference at the armoured division's headquarters; so there my resourceful guide took me next morning, and I was allowed to attend the conference.

The divisional commander laid stress on that quality of which I spoke in my article of May 7 and which I described as "curiosity or bite," especially on the part of his armoured cars. In fact the two points which he chiefly emphasized were dash in front and unremitting attention to protection, above all anti-aircraft protection, further in rear. He also urged that every effort should be made to fulfil that most difficult of all tasks in mimic warfare, to create in the mind of the private soldier a picture in which he should be able to see himself.

Skill And Realism

After that I drove down to the flank of the battlefield, many miles away, to watch that fighting between the motorized division and the invaders of which I spoke earlier. It would be impossible to describe in short space the incidents of the battle, which nevertheless stand out clearly in my mind, mingled with vignettes of that delightful countryside: market towns, villages, manor houses, each more lovely than the last; a blaze of gorse, spring-flowers in the gardens, the earlier trees of the woods and coppices all feathered with green; a depleted string of some of the best race-horses in England filing back over the some of the best race-horses in woodland.

One of the strongest impressions left by the exercise that day was of the skill and realism with which it was mounted and the ability with which it was controlled by the senior umpires.

Next morning I was out on the plain by 7 o'clock in air like wine kept a little too long on the ice to be ideal, but none the less invigorating. The armoured cars of the British armoured division and those of the "Panzers" alike showed great enterprise—so much that for once some of the umpires were taken by surprise by the speed at which the opposing forces made contact. The tank battle on the plain was highly realistic, with the British armoured division simultaneously hitting and feeling for the enemy's flank as it drove him back. This marked the turn of the tide. The Panzer division fell back to "harbour" for the night, its move affecting every corner of the battlefield, but most of all the right flank. Here the centre German Infantry division, in the act of assaulting the British motorized division on its river-line defences, had to break off the action at night and retreat, for the dual purpose of avoiding

AMERICAN REDS SUPPORT STALIN

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Communist Party in the United States has called for "full support and co-operation for the Soviet Union in her great struggle against Hitlerism," and M. Kerensky, former Russian Premier, yesterday appealed for support for Russia but denounced the Stalin Regime. — International News Service.

ANOTHER R.A.F. SWEEP

The boom of heavy explosions rumbled across the English Channel hour after hour in the afternoon and early evening yesterday when the Royal Air Force struck again in northern France.

Yesterday's operations were on a very extensive scale, with attacks on objectives on the French coast and inland.

R.A.F. fighter squadrons carried out the offensive operations, accompanied by Blenheim bombers.

Less opposition was encountered from German fighters.

Eighteen enemy fighters are so far reported to have been destroyed as against two British fighters missing.

Railway Targets

Railway targets were bombed in the second R.A.F. sweep over northern France on Monday evening, reveals an Air Ministry communique, issued early this morning.

This time the Germans made a more determined effort to interfere than in the sweep earlier in the day, and a fierce engagement occurred over Calais. It was here that two British bombers were lost but the enemy was "again heavily defeated," losing 12 aircraft. — Reuter.

A flank thrust from the British armoured division and of protecting its own Panzer division's camp during the hours of darkness.

This move in its turn seemed to provide an opportunity for the motorized division to pursue the enemy, pin down his rear-guard, and inflict damage upon him.

I myself, however, following the tank battle, saw little more of the infantry fighting. Nor can I say anything about the part played by the R.A.F. except that aircraft were constantly overhead.

Troops Fit And Keen

Difficult as it is to summarize so long a story, enough has perhaps been said to indicate how wide was the scope of this exercise, which was watched by the Commander-in-Chief, how real was the test provided, and how useful must have been the lessons derived from it. The troops were tried fairly highly, and their sleep was often very limited, but the men, wonderfully fit and healthy looking, stood up to the hard work and did not lose their keenness.

Vichy Forces In Syria May Be Cut In Two

REPORTS FROM CAIRO are to the effect that British troops have reached Palmyra, in Syria, according to a communique issued by G.H.Q. there yesterday. They are meeting with resistance from a Vichy column.

Allied forces are in contact with Vichy troops west of Damascus, but in the town itself the situation is quiet. On the other fronts fighting is continuing.

First to enter Damascus were Allied representatives. They were greeted enthusiastically.

It was not until some time afterwards that troops were permitted to enter.

First into the city were the Free French, followed closely by British of a famous cavalry regiment in armoured cars, and some Australians.

While the French flag was nowhere to be seen on public buildings of the city, the tricolour borne as Free France's emblem was heartily cheered.

Syrian Government

The Syrian Government met shortly before the surrender of the city and assumed full powers over internal affairs which hitherto have been exercised by the French. They also agreed to give amnesty to all political prisoners.

Later, the Syrian Prime Minister, Khaled Bey Alam, and General Gentilhomme met to discuss a proposed treaty whereby Syria would become an autonomous republic.

Rearguard Action

The purpose of the Vichy French in holding out so long after it became evident that the city was bound to fall was to fight a rearguard action in order to cover the retreat in the north-west.

It was believed that the forces would have been able to enter Damascus early in the morning but the unexpected presence of many Vichy tanks and 75's and also troops which had come up from the region of Kunetra made this impossible.

However, in a little while resistance showed a sign of crumbling and during the morning many Vichy soldiers gave themselves up as prisoners.—Reuter.

Vichy Communique

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] A Vichy communique claims that French military planes heavily bombed important British motorised units invading Syria from Iraq and driving on Palmyra.

The communique says that Damascus was surrendered for political reasons only after the British forces had captured Mezza aerodrome.

It further states that resistance is continuing beyond Damascus as the tired troops of General Dentz rehabilitate themselves after three days and nights of bitter fighting against heavy odds.

Vichy claims that their French forces have recaptured Abou Kemal.

In Cairo, says the International News correspondent there, it is announced that a large column of armoured cars retreating from Damascus to Beirut were scattered by R.A.F. machines, scores being wrecked and damaged.—International News Service.

Vichy Positions Under Shellfire

Allied troops who went through Damascus have occupied positions at Berze, four or five miles north of the town from which they are now exploiting further northwards, according to military circles in Cairo yesterday.

British and Indian forces advancing from Mezza are astride the Damascus-Beirut Road, a few miles north-west of Damascus.

On the coast, the Vichy positions about Dammur, 10 miles south of Beirut, are now within range of Allied guns.

A British mechanised column which reached Palmyra after meeting air and ground opposition would appear to be thrusting towards Hama which would effectively cut off the Vichy forces in south Syria from the Northern forces.—Reuter.

THE REAL DECISION FOR NAZIS

The warning given by Mr. Churchill in his broadcast that the Nazi attack on Russia was simply the prelude to a final attempt against Britain, is underlined by a report sent to a Budapest newspaper "Pester Lloyd" by its Berlin correspondent.

"In all authoritative statements made on the war situation, says the correspondent, according to 'Die Zeitung,' the anti-Nazi German daily published in London, it is again and again pointed out that for Germany the real and final decision in this war is to be expected only in the West where the fighting forces of Germany come directly up against those of Great Britain."

The statement was a comment on the recent visit by General Brauchitsch, German C. in C. to Northern France.

This, in the correspondent's opinion, clearly stressed the significance of the West European theatre of war.

Continuous bombardment over the Channel by the R.A.F. during past the fortnight indicates that even to-day it cannot be said that the situation is all quiet on the Western Front.—British Wireless.

LISBON STEAMER TORPEDOED

The torpedoing of the Portuguese merchant-ship, Ganda, which was reported when 26 survivors out of a total of 16 passengers and 50 members of the crew landed in Lisbon, has excited public opinion in that city.

The Ganda, it was stated, was carrying goods only between Portugal and her West African colonies, as she always did.

"There could be no doubt about her Portuguese markings," says one newspaper.

"The Government will certainly not fail to use every effort to clear up what took place, and we confidently expect the nation to protest indignantly against this wicked act."—Reuter.

PLEA FOR LENIENCY FOR PORTUGUESE

FERNANDO ANTONIO OZORIO, 33, accountant of the Central Meat and Dairy Supply Company, appeared on remand before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning on a charge of fraudulent conversion of \$660.97, received by him from his employee, Mr. A. G. Dalziel, for payment to a creditor of the firm.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, who appeared for the defendant, entered a plea of guilty. Mr. W. A. Mackinlay appeared for the prosecution and Det. Insp. J. O'Donovan for the Police.

Mr. Mackinlay told the Court that a cheque for the amount involved was drawn in favour of a creditor of the firm but the cheque was cashed by the defendant who retained the money.

Mr. Silva said his client happened, at the time, to be pressed for payment by a personal creditor, who threatened to tell Ozorio's employers that he was heavily in debt unless the money was forthcoming. As he was afraid of the consequences, Ozorio made use of the money, "just for a few days," as a friend of his had promised the amount. Unfortunately, the friend failed to keep his word.

No Attempt To Abscond

Meanwhile, Mr. Silva continued, his client approached the firm's creditor, a butcher, and asked him to hold the account over for a few days which he agreed to do, at the same time continuing to supply meat to the Company. His client continued to make every effort to raise the money to make good the amount and had not attempted in any way to abscond.

Mr. Silva went on to say that his client was a member of a respectable family. What he had done was the very foolish and indiscreet act of a young man. To impose a gaol sentence on him would mean complete ruin.

Besides, said Mr. Silva, defendant was the sole support of an aged father and several other relatives, and, as a result of the

present case, he would lose his employment. Defendant had been put to considerable shame as a result of this case. Mr. Silva asked the Court for the option of a fine.

Mr. Lowry adjourned the case to Friday, June 27, at 11.15 a.m. for consideration of sentence.

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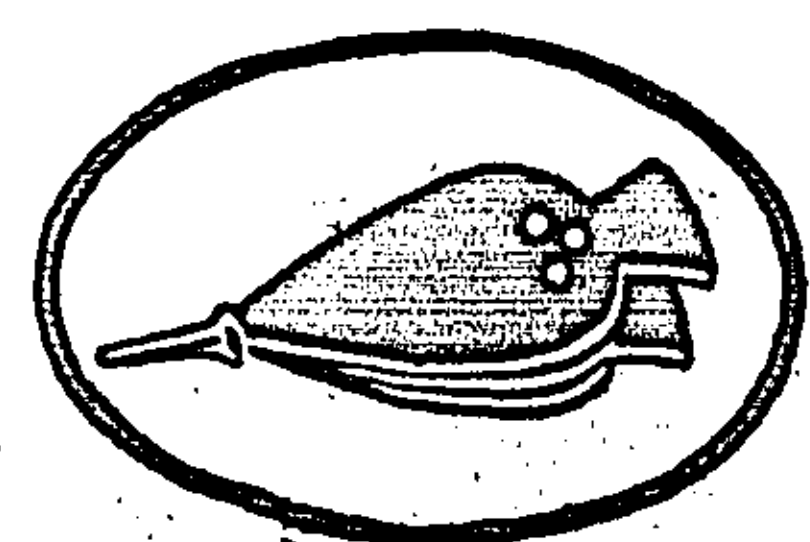
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BRIDGE NOTES

EXCELLENT TIMING

By The Four Aces

South made a difficult Slam contract not by any unusual play but simply by playing each card at precisely the right time:

North, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
NORTH
♠ A 5
♥ A 8 5-4
♦ A K 10 7 3
♣ K 6
WEST
♠ K Q 10 2
♥ 9 2
♦ 6 4
♣ J 8 7 3 2
EAST
♠ 7 4 3
♥ J 10 3
♦ Q J 6 2
♣ Q 5 4
SOUTH
♠ J 9 8 6
♥ K Q 7 6
♦ 9 8
♣ A 10 9

The bidding:
North East South West
1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♣ Pass
4NT Pass 5♥ Pass
6♥ Pass Pass Pass

West opened the King of spades, and dummy won with the Ace.

The Slam obviously depended on getting a 3-2 break in trumps and on establishing dummy's diamonds. The only problem was to draw just enough trumps so as still to leave possible the establishment of the diamonds.

With this thought in mind, South drew two rounds of trumps with the King and Queen. It was important to leave two low trumps in the South hand, since it might be necessary to ruff diamonds twice, and to ruff with an honour would cost a trump trick.

Next dummy's high diamonds were taken, and South ruffed a third round of diamonds. Dummy was then entered with the club King for another diamond, led by dummy and ruffed by South. Declarer then cashed the Ace of clubs and ruffed a club with dummy's low trump. Only at this point could the trump Ace be laid down to draw East's last trump.

The dummy's last diamond could be cashed for the twelfth trick. Note that South loses his contract if he draws three rounds of trumps at once, or if he prematurely plays the trump Ace, or if diamonds are tackled before two rounds of trumps are drawn.

Monday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A 10 6 5
♥ 9 4
♦ K 8 4 2
♣ J 7 4

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken You Males
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
3♥ Pass 3♣ Pass

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. You have a stopper in the unbid suit, and can best show the location of your meagre strength and your balanced distribution by going to no-trump. Score 100% for three no-trump. 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 750

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Jacoby Schenken You Males
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2NT Pass 3♣ Pass

What do you bid? Answer

to-morrow.

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LISTENED TO B.B.C.:

GAOLED

A message received in Zurich from Milan says the police have arrested several people for listening to B.B.C. broadcasts.

Sentences ranging from six to two months' imprisonment have been passed on three men and a Catholic priest.

FOOT SERVICE TO CURE 'EM

Here's a job for the Civil Servant to give him the right ideas on the use of power—he should wash the feet of the poor.

Mr. Phillip Milner Oliver, of Manchester, suggested it in his presidential address to the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches at Oxford.

The insolence of power was a subtle poison, he said, and to the average bureaucrat, the poor were not immortal souls. At the best they were interesting cases, at the worst a mass of statistics or confounded nuisances.

"The mediaeval church had a corrective for such insolence. Her great ones washed the feet of beggars.

"The practice might be revived and the feet of the poor be washed by our Civil Servants—washed in all the stinks and uncomeliness of poverty."

BRITONS LIKE ALLY COOKING

Food tastes of Britain's allies now living in London have not been forgotten during the establishment of the big chain of communal restaurants sponsored by the Ministry of Food, says the "Evening Standard."

At one centre in Westbourne-terrace, Bayswater, the daily menu is devised on entirely continental lines.

Here, each meal time gather Free Frenchmen, Dutchmen, Belgians, Czechoslovakians and Austrians.

The cook comes from Vienna, and refugees and British voluntary workers cooperate in providing continental dishes.

The secretary of the Wartime Continental Kitchen told the "Evening Standard": "The peculiar part is that more and more 100 per cent. Britishers are patronising our dishes each week.

"They seem to appreciate various typical non-British dishes."



The honeymoon is over when the groom learns it takes more than love to fill a cottage.

CHILD MILLIONS WAR 'CASUALTIES'

First casualty of the war was the education service, delegates at the National Union of Women Teachers were told at their annual conference — "the Schoolmarm's Parliament"—at York.

Speaker was Miss H. R. Walmesley, who referred to the "destruction" to the 5,000,000 children in Britain. It was "something for which posterity will take the legacy," she declared. The conference unanimously demanded immediate restoration of full compulsory education.



ON SALE AT SINCERE'S

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED

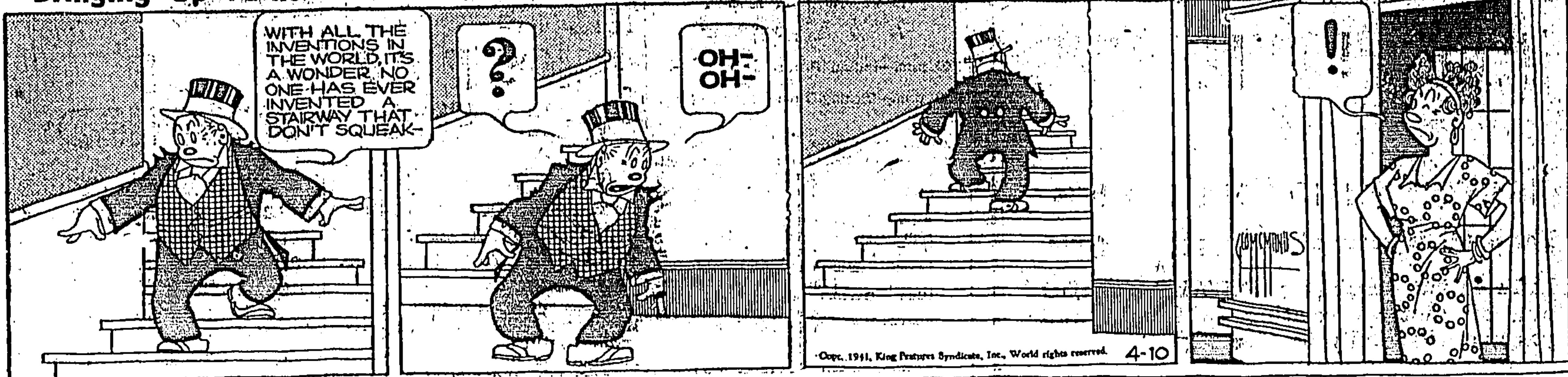


"He did it with his little axe—I cannot tell a lie!"

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Give Your Face A Cleaning--- Young Girls Advised By Beauticians

Young girls in their teens are apt to be careless about skin care. They feel nature will supplement for their carelessness but that is not the case. Nature must be given a hand if you want true skin beauty. And the best way to help is to give your skin a thorough cleaning.

Begin with a thorough cream cleansing. Put on one layer of cream, massage it a little and remove with tissue. Then put on a thicker layer of cleansing cream and massage that into the skin for several minutes. Remove with tissue.

Now for a good washing. Moisten your soft bristled complexion brush and dip it into the suds of a bland soap. You might wet your skin with warm water first if you wish. Then get busy and work up a good soapy lather on your face. Brush in tiny circles and pay a lot of attention to the sides of your nose, your chin, the corners of your mouth and near your hair line. In those areas little skin blemishes such as whiteheads and blackheads are quite likely to be. Brush them away.

Rinse your skin very carefully with warm water and finish by splashing it with cold water. Dry thoroughly.

For Skin Airing

Now—this will surprise you—don't use a single cosmetic but run out into the open and sun yourself for fifteen or twenty minutes. Let the air and sunshine reach that freshly washed skin. That is marvellous for it.

You might use only lipstick for a week or so—no powder, no other make-up. Let your skin breathe fresh air day and night!

Remember The Neck

I failed to tell you to give your neck the same treatment. You know that the skin on your neck is darker than that on your face

The Girls Have Their Say . . .

One of the chronic grievances of mothers is that their daughters do not confide in them.

They say, "They never tell us a thing about themselves, if they can help it, and it breaks our hearts for them to shut us out of their lives after all the love we have given them and sacrifices we have made for them."

"We would like to confide in our mothers, but they won't let us," say the girls.

"We know we are young and ignorant and inexperienced, and there are many things that we are uncertain about that we would like to talk over with our mothers if we could do it freely, without bringing down a lot of prohibitions on our heads and furnishing them with food for moral lectures for the next year."

"But the minute we commence confiding in mother, she feels it her sacred duty to hush a lot of awful warning signs and gets jittery over the dangers in modern life to girls."

"Naturally we are not going to open up to her when the results are going to be a lecture and a lot of 'don'ts'."

"That is why we go on the principle that what mother doesn't know doesn't hurt her. It is a matter of self-preservation."



A new lighter than a feather complexion brush has made its debut with bristles of the right texture for face scrubbing. Every young girl should have such a brush as part of her beauty wardrobe.

and it is likely to get darker and darker unless you use the same cream and make-up on it as you do for your face. Begin while you are young to preserve that youthful throat line which older women so envy. Exercise your neck, too—keep those muscles elastic.

Never go to bed without first washing and rinsing your face thoroughly. All night let your skin air free of any cosmetic. Daily cleanliness is the secret of skin beauty so see that your skin is kept clean. Any negligence will rob you of some beauty!

Miss Lindsay's booklet ACNE DIET is particularly helpful to adolescents with blemished skin. Thirty daily menus are given. If you wish it, send ten cents in coin to Miss Lindsay, Post Office Box 75, Station O, New York, N. Y.

A Man Needs Variety

And so does a woman, of course. But it is to men and the kind of wife they all need—even if they don't know it—that we're giving this corner to-day.

G. K. Chesterton once said: "Variability is one of the virtues of a woman. It avoids the crude requirements of polygamy. So long as you have one good wife, you are sure to have a spiritual harem."

And he was right. But what is a good wife? And the answer to that question is many different women.

A good wife changes her personality to suit her husband's moods and needs.

Sometimes she is a GOOD SPORT. That's when he wants her to go with him to a football match or some such, and—although she can't bear the things and hates being pushed about in crowds—she tries to wave a hat and shout herself silly with the rest of them.

Then she has to be a SIREN . . . not the noisy, wailing kind but glamorous, slightly mysterious and definitely attractive. That's to keep him always waiting to woo her. Because man hates any chase coming to an end.

She must be a HOMELY LITTLE THING ready with a hot meal and a bright smile when he comes home tired.

She must be the kind of COMPANION who knows when to display the silent wisdom of the Sphinx or the chattering noise of any aviary.

She must be a MOTHER to whom he can bring his hurt pride and his worries—sure of sympathetic understanding.

And she must be his BUSINESS PARTNER. That means spending his money so wisely he hardly notices it's gone, and having a sense of time so that she never keeps him waiting unnecessarily!

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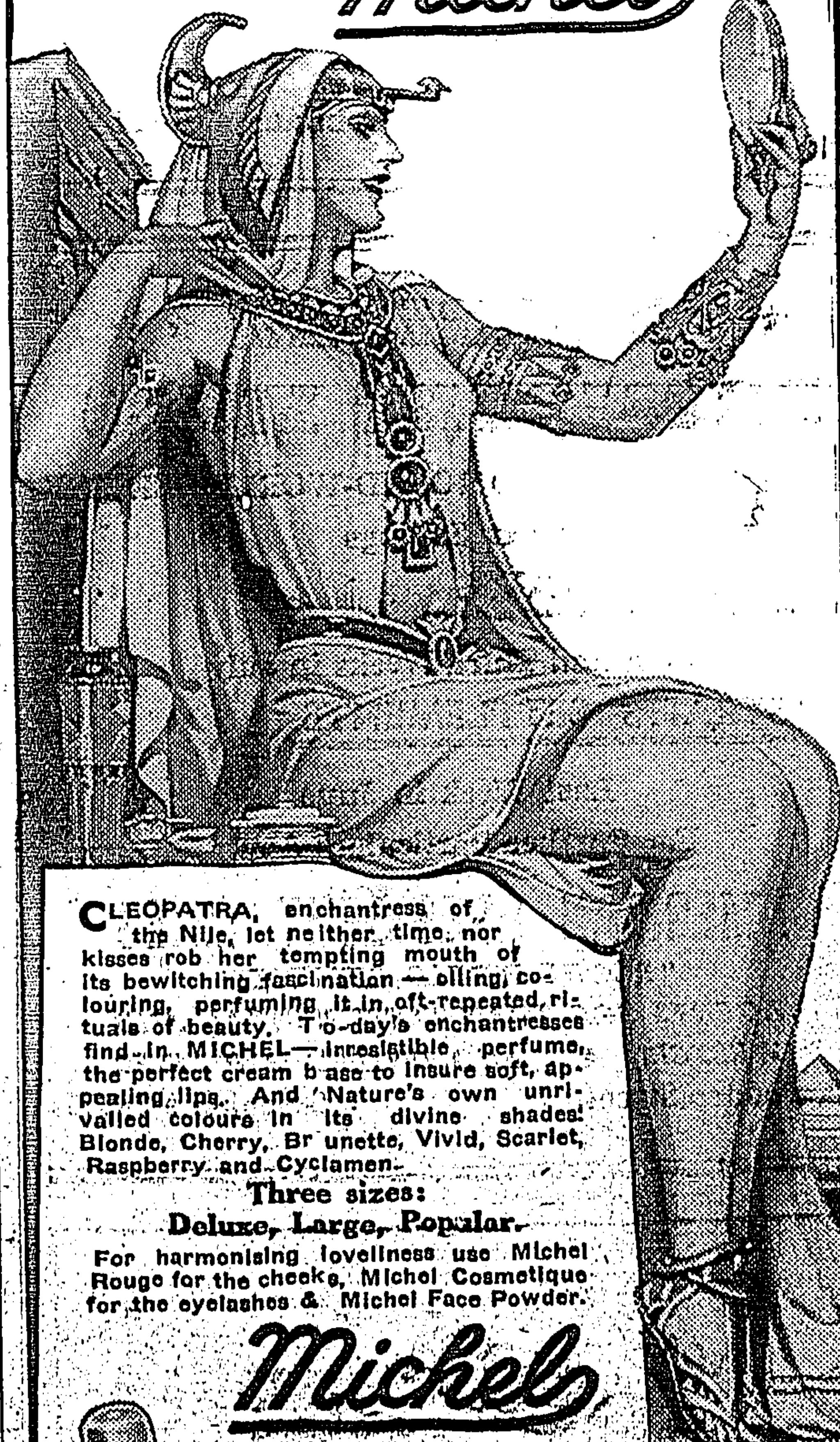
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RADIO

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Old Tunes in Swingtime.

Blue Skies (Berlin)...Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) and her Orchestra; Swanee (Gershwin)...Teddy Foster and his Kings of Swing; Alive, Alive-O! (Corry, O'Brien)...Al and Bob Harvey, (Vocal Duet) with Orchestral accomp; Dark Eyes (Trad. Russian Air)...Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) with Orchestra; Blue Danube (Strauss-arr. Sid Phillips)...Eddie Carroll and his Swingphonics Orchestra; A Brown Bird Singing (Haydn Wood)...Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) with Orch.; Alouette (Trad. Canadian Song)...Horace Heidt and his Orchestra with Vocal Chorus; Avalon (Johnson & Rose)...Val Rosing and his Swing Stars; I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles (Kenbrovi-Kellette)...Ella Logan (Vocal) with Orchestra.

7.15 p.m.—Humorous Variety.

That Night That We Met In A Black-Out (Kester); Who Is That Man... (Kester)...Tommy Handley with Piano accomp. Virginia and Her Momma...Ivy St. Heller at the Piano. Please Leave My Butter Alone (Mills-Nicholls)...Arthur Askey with Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra, London, and Josephine Baker (Vocal).

Toy Land Medley—Intro: Teddy Bears Picnic; Wedding of the Painted Doll; Parade of the Tin Soldiers; Punch and Judy Show; The Toy Train...Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Reginald Foort at the Organ. The Loveliness of You (film "You Can't Have Everything")...Josephine Baker (Vocal) with Orchestra. Valse Septembre (Godin, arr. Lotter); In The Shadow (Finck)...Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington at the Organ. Suppose! (Dixon-Dimon); Pretty Little Baby (Bernie & Others)...Josephine Baker (Vocal) Orchestra. "Champagne Waltz"—Selection...Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington at the Organ.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—New Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Take The "A" Train; The Sidewalks of New York...Duke Ellington & his Orchestra. Conga-Bim Bam Bum; Bolero—At The Mardi Gras...Enric Madriguera & his Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Worried Mind; A Broken Melody...Wayne King & his Orchestra. Tango—Moonlight on the Rio Grande...Heinz Huppertz & his Orch. Fox-Trots—Do You Believe in Fairy Tales (film "Pot O Gold"); My Sister and I...Leo Reisman & his Orch. Fox-Trot—Down Argentina Way (from the film)...Oscar Rabin & his Band. Spanish Pasodobles—Una Morena Y Una Rubia; Abanicos Y Mantillas...Don Rico & his Gypsy Girls' Orchestra. Fox-Trot—It Was Wonderful Then...Joe Reichman & his Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D. 6. Intro: Never in a million years; Will you remember?; Beginners' Luck; Smile when you say goodbye; It looks like rain in Cherry Blossom Lane; Let's call the whole thing off.

Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D. 17. Intro: Sunday in the Park; My heaven in the pines; Good-night angel; Love walked in; So little times; Says my heart.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Beethoven—Sonata in F Minor, Op. 57 "Appassionata". 1st Mov: Allegro assai-Fu allegro; 2nd Mov: Andante con moto; 3rd Mov: Allegro ma non troppo-Presto...Arthur Schnabel (Piano).

10.40 p.m.—A Spanish Programme with the Madrid Symphony Orchestra and Tito Schipa (Tenor).

En La Alhambra—Serenata (Breton)...Madrid Symphony Orchestra conducted by Enrique F. Arbos. Nina (Perigoles, arr. Bourdon); A Little Poxy (Toati)...Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra. Spanish Dance—Rondalla; Aragonese (Granados, arr. Casals)...Fau Casals (Cello) with Piano accomp. I Shall Return (Schipa)...Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra. (sung in English)...Vito (Spanish Dance), Op. 54, No. 5 (Popper)...Fau Casals (Cello) with Piano accomp. Confession, La Cumparsita...Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra. Danza Espanola No. 6 (Granados)...Madrid Symphony Orchestra cond. by Enrique F. Arbos.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

HE IS 'GHOST' OF SHELTERS

Some Bristol shelters whose slumbers have been haunted by a nightmare apparition heard the explanation.

It was given in a broadcast by Mr. G. M. Davies, of the city's public health department, who all through the blitz has patrolled shelters for evidence of the state of the air in them.

"I take round with me a collection of scientific instruments and sampling tubes and apparatus of all shapes and sizes," he said.

"Now and again, when I quietly walk into a deep underground shelter at four or five in the morning, a semi-conscious sleeper will sit bolt upright in his bunk and gaze with momentary terror.

"I do look somewhat grotesque, in a way, as I am usually surrounded with bright, polished apparatus and a pretty variety of gadgets of every description."

DOG GUIDES MEN IN DEBRIS

Barking of a dog during demolition work at a bombed London Church Army hostel led rescue men to the body of its mistress.

The dog was heard during a lull in the work and the men immediately redoubled their efforts to locate it.

As a girder was partially lifted, out dashed an Aberdeen terrier, belonging to twenty-six-year-old Marjorie Warwood, daughter of Captain Warwood, superintendent of the hostel.

The dog, Andy, was unhurt but had refused to leave its mistress, whose body was found close by.

Andy was a twenty-first birthday present to Marjorie from her brother and sister.

ARMY OFFICER IN CAR CRASH

Lieutenant H. Davies, residing at No. 71, Kimberley Road, was involved in an accident early this morning. While driving in Chatham Road in the direction of the Star Ferry, his car crashed into a gas-lamp post near Mody Road and he suffered facial abrasions.

SHIP SCHEDULE CHANGED

There has been a further change of schedule of the Asama Maru and Tatuta Maru, which are to omit Hong Kong and Manila on their next outward voyages to America.

The Asama Maru will leave Shanghai on July 10 for San Francisco and the Tatuta Maru on July 3.

EVEN BABIES RATIONED

So many childless women, mostly wives of Servicemen, want to adopt babies that societies in the North of England have had to set up waiting lists.

Mr. J. Wilson, hon. secretary of the Babies' Home, Fulford, Preston, Lancs—believed to be the oldest adoption society in the country—told the "Daily Mirror": "Most of the people who come to me are officers' wives who, living alone, want companionship."

"Since Christmas I have been able to find a home for a child every two weeks, on the average."

"Most of the requests are from people well endowed with this world's goods, and if I were able to place babies their future would be assured."

61 MILLS TO CLOSE

Sixty-one cotton mills are to be closed soon under the Government's scheme for the concentration of industry.

Good progress is being made with the scheme, and about five hundred applications, exclusive of the textile groups, are under consideration.

About 200 are likely to be accepted.

The cotton industry is so far the biggest industry to be immediately affected by concentration. In the spinning section 111 firms have been granted certificates.

The position of a further 229 mills is still being considered.

Freeing Workers

One rayon firm is closing two of its largest factories, and at least 1,500 workers, mostly women, will be released.

Hundreds of hosier workers will be released and thousands of square feet of factory space made available.

Most of the firms will close part of their factories and concentrate production in the remainder.

Other industries in which negotiations have been effected include cutlery, leather, carpets, and toys and fancy goods.

THEFT OF RICE ALLEGED

Two Indian watchmen, Surja Singh, 35, and Lahora Singh, 30, were charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with stealing ten cattles of rice from their employer, at "Euston," Bonham Road, residence of Mrs. Eu Tong-sen.

Accused pleaded not guilty and hearing was adjourned until June 26. Bail in the sum of \$50 each, was allowed.

Det. Sergt. C. Willcox, is in charge of the case.

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PASSWORD FOR BRIBERY?

Chau Wong, 29, appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, on charges of larceny by trick, and attempting to steal by trick.

Det. Sergt. J. R. Sykes, who prosecuted, said that Mr. E. C. Luscombe, A.S.P., sent Chinese detectives to Jervois and Mercer Streets, to arrest people found collecting money from hawkers.

About 11 a.m., a Chinese Sub-Inspector was standing by a hawker's stall in Jervois Street, when he saw the accused approaching. He used a certain "password" indicating that he was collecting money for the Police. The hawker, who had a licence, refused to pay, and accused walked away. Witness followed him.

Accused went to two other hawkers' stalls, and using the same method, asked for two cents. The hawker gave him a ten-cent piece and received eight cents in change.

Mr. Luscombe who was in Court, said: "In my mind, I think this man was actually collecting money for a policeman, although I have no evidence to put the policeman in dock with the defendant."

"I want to deter these people from offering their services to policemen," continued Mr. Luscombe, "and I ask that a serious view be taken."

Accused, who had two previous convictions for larceny, was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

FINNISH ENVOY AT FOREIGN OFFICE

Conflicting reports regarding the position of Finland in the Russo-German war lends additional interest to the fact that M. Gripenberg, Finnish Minister to London, visited Mr. Anthony Eden at the Foreign Office yesterday, presumably to explain his country's attitude.—Reuter.

JAPANESE TROOP TRANSPORTS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The London "Daily Telegraph" carries a report that a ship near Shanghai sighted forty-eight Japanese troop transports and accompanying destroyers moving south in the direction of Hainan.—International News Service.

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HUGE CONSIGNMENT OF PETROL CONFISCATED

SOME \$180,000 WORTH of gasoline and kerosene was ordered to be confiscated by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when 14 trading junk masters or folkis were convicted of attempting to export a total of 24,056 tins of gasoline and 250 tins of kerosene without permits from the Controller of Trade.

This was the sequel to a surprise raid at Po Tai O, Clear Water Bay, on Sunday night by a police launch under Mr. W. P. Thompson, when 20 junks, fully loaded with petrol, were taken into custody.

The masters of these 20 junks appeared before the Magistrate this morning and were charged with exporting petrol without a permit, with carrying petrol on board their junks which had not been duly licensed for such purpose, and with anchoring at a place—Po Tai O—not designated for dangerous goods.

Fines ranging from \$150, or one month, to \$500, or three months' hard labour, were imposed on 14 defendants on the first charge.

On the second and third charges, all 14 accused were fined \$150 or one month.

Six junkmasters, who will be represented by Mr. Peter Sin, were remanded for 24 hours. A total of 8,900 tins of petrol were found on board their junks.

Mr. Thompson alleged that it was a large-scale attempt to export petrol without a permit which would have succeeded if the police had not been promptly informed.

Asking for confiscation, Mr. Thompson explained that simple fines would not stop the attempt. He had come across a case in which the same petrol had been moved for export three times although the master of the junk was caught and fined on every occasion.

The petrol owners, added Mr. Thompson, would not come forward and the police were unable to trace them. They were fully aware that they would be prosecuted.

CHARGE AGAINST INDIAN P.C.

That anti-British remarks were passed by an Indian member of the Police Force to his superior officer in the course of a statement by the Indian on a wounding charge, was alleged by Chief Detective Inspector A. E. Carey when he opposed bail before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

The Indian constable, Amar Singh, was charged with maliciously wounding a fellow constable, Adjit Singh, in a house in Reclamation Street on June 8.

The Inspector declared that accused made certain anti-British remarks when he was taking statement regarding the charge. His instructions were to oppose bail.

The alleged remarks, added the Inspector, would be produced in evidence during the hearing of the case which was fixed for 11.30 a.m. on July 4.

C.I.C. LECTURE

Mr. Rewi Alley, Field Secretary of the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives, will give a talk to members of Hong Kong Women's International Club, in the Club room, on Monday, June 30, at 1.30 p.m.

ITALIAN DIES FOR BRITAIN'S SAKE

AN ITALIAN WHO DIED for freedom—he landed with British parachutists in Italy and was captured and shot as a traitor by the Fascists—is commemorated in a Press announcement. It reads:

"Picchi — on Palm Sunday, 1941, Fortunate Picchi sacrificed his life for the cause of freedom. A brave man of high ideals. Until the day breaks, dear.—F. R.I.P."

According to a Rome announcement he was recognised when taken prisoner and denounced as an Italian subject.

Picchi, £1,000-a-year banquet-ing manager of the Savoy Hotel,

had lived in London for more than twenty years.

No Fascist

At her flat in Sussex-gardens, Bayswater, London, W., Mrs. Florence Lantieri, a white-haired widow, told the "Daily Mirror": "I inserted the notice in memory of my dear friend. He died for Britain."

"Wilfred Picchi, as he was known in his job, pleaded to be allowed to do something for the country he had grown to love. He was no Fascist; he used to say that Italy had been sold to the Huns."

"He was interned in the Isle of Man, and he accepted that exile because he believed the law was right. When his chance came to do something to help us win the war, he volunteered."

"He need not have done anything for Britain, but he so admired us and so great was his loyalty that I am sure he would have seized any opportunity."

"Picchi was well-known in fashionable clubs in the West End. His chief was drowned when the Arandora Star was sunk."

TALK ON PALESTINE

His Honour the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, is to give a talk on his impressions of Palestine at the Jewish Recreation Club to-morrow at 8.15 p.m. Any members of the public who wish to attend will be welcome and they are asked to apply to Mr. M. Talan, American Lloyd Travel Service, Shell Houses, for invitation cards.

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Inter-School Basketball

FOLLOWING A VERY HARD AND EVENLY CONTESTED STRUGGLE, HING WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL QUINTETTE WON THE SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE INTER-SCHOOL BASKETBALL LEAGUE YESTERDAY WHEN THEY NARROWLY DEFEATED HON WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL BY 23 POINTS TO 22, AFTER BEING LED AT THE INTERVAL BY 12 POINTS TO 9.

The game was packed with thrills and exciting moments and was played before a capacity crowd on the open air court at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Before this match both teams were unchecked and on level terms and a win for either would give them the championship.

The losers drew first blood shortly after the start and appeared likely champions at the end of the first half, when they were leading by three points.

The new champions, however, changed their tactics after the resumption and threw everything into the attack instead of the man for man tactics adopted in the first period.

The winners took the lead at 15-14 through two accurate shots by Li Wah-chun and Tang Yuk-wu five minutes after the resumption.

Hon Wah drew level when one of the opponents' guards was penalised for obstruction and they scored a foul goal (1 point).

Both sides made numerous efforts to take the lead, and the champions finally succeeded when their winger Tang Yuk-wu scored with a powerful long shot.

The result of the game was still in doubt as both sides scored alternately, but just before the final whistle the champions managed to score the necessary points to give them a 23-22 win and the championship.

Following are the detailed scores:

HING WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL			
	Goals	Fouls	
Li Wah-chun	3	0	1
Tang Yuk-wu	4	2	0
Ng Yim-kwan	1	1	0
Leung Pak-hing	2	0	1
Lam Man-kuen	0	0	1
Total	10	3	23 points
HON WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL			
	Goals	Fouls	
Lai Yu-mui	1	1	1
So Pik-yuen	2	0	3
Chan Sik-kwai	3	3	1
Ko Siu-fung	0	0	2
Tong Man-sang	3	0	0
Total	9	4	22 points

Two Senior Games

On the same court after this game, Pui Ying College (White) overwhelmed Ming Sang College by 82 points to 31 and Y.M.C.A. Commercial School beat Hing Chung Middle School by 49 points to 38 both in First Division of the same League.

All the games were played in two periods only.

To-day's Games

Following is to-day's programme of matches in the Inter-School Basketball League sponsored by Chinese Y.M.C.A.

First Division—Ying Wah v Hing Wah.

Second Division—Tai Chung v Hong Kong M.S.; Canton University v Ying Wah.

CANADIAN PITCHER GETS ONLY \$25 WEEKLY

Phil Marchildon will have less money than any other ball player in the majors, Marchildon, young pitcher with the Philadelphia Athletics, is a Canadian and wartime regulations require him to deposit all but \$25 a week of his salary in the Dominion. He gets the rest when he returns home.

Canadian hockey players were required to do the same thing. Marchildon reports for military training at the season's close.

UNION WIN CUP

Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union won the "Kim Shing" basketball competition (on roller skates) as the result of their win last night over Kowloon Skating Rink by 35 points to 23.

The game, which was watched by a large crowd, was one of the best in the competition. The Rink team was handicapped by an injury to E. B. Nanak early in the game.

SOFTBALL SECTION AT Y.M.C.A.

At a meeting of European Y.M.C.A. softball section last night it was revealed that the Board of Directors had agreed to include softball among the Association's sporting activities.

Following were then elected to serve on the Softball Committee:—S/Sgt. Wellford (Coach and Hon. Secretary), T. Huber, Cpl. Foley and D. Blackman.

Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 5.30 p.m. at the "Y" hockey ground King's Park, the first practice being on Tuesday next, July 1.



WEBB AND MUSSON ARE BEATEN

In "A" Division of the Army Tennis League yesterday at 800-kungoo, F. A. Staff defeated Royal Army Medical Corps by 2 sets to 1.

Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Musson met with their first defeat in the League.

S. A. Hussain and H. W. Browns (F. A. Staff): Beat Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Musson, 6-2, 6-1.

W. A. Reed and C. S. Clarke (F. A. Staff): Lost to Sgt. Smith and Pte. Gurison, 6-2, 6-3.

A. G. Galpin and G. B. Gurevitch (F. A. Staff): Lost to Cpl. Milne and Pte. Don, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

Pay Corps Win

In the same Division Royal Army Pay Corps beat Royal Engineers "B" by 2 sets to 1.

Col. Ford and S/Sgt. Adlam (R.A.P.C.): Beat Lt. Col. Lamb and Q.M.S. Quinell, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

S/Sgt. James and S/Sgt. Pinkney (R.A.P.C.): Lost to Cpl. Shaw and Cpl. Hawkins, 2-6, 2-8, 2-0.

Sgt. Cardon and Cpl. Tholeby (R.A.P.C.): Beat Cpl. Spence and L/Cpl. Pelham, 7-5, 7-5.

Standings To Date

"A" DIVISION				
Team	W.	L.	Pts.	Setts
F. A. Staff	21	18	3	18
R.A.M.C.	24	17	7	17
R.A.O.C.	18	12	6	12
5th A.A. Regt.	15	10	5	10
R.A.P.C.	18	9	6	9
R.A.S.C.	15	0	6	6
I.M.S.	21	0	15	0
Royal Signals	18	5	13	5
R.E. "B"	24	5	19	5

Owing to the sudden state of the ground, no H.K. Lawn Tennis League matches were played yesterday.

It is understood that all postponed matches in First Division of the Lawn Tennis League will be re-arranged after the completion of the fixtures originally arranged and that these games will be played on Mondays.

SWIMMING COMEBACK AFTER 12 YEARS AWAY FROM COMPETITIONS

FOLLOWERS OF SWIMMING IN THE COLONY WILL BE INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT THEY WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF SEEING MRS. V. MURRELL, OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WHO AS MISS VERA TANNER TWICE REPRESENTED GREAT BRITAIN IN THE WORLD OLYMPIC GAMES, IN ACTION AT THE "Y" POOL ON JULY 12, WHEN THE A.N.S. AND V.A.D. SWIMMING GALA TAKES PLACE.

Mrs. Murrell took part in the meet in Paris in 1924 and again in Amsterdam in 1928, when she figured in the 100 Metres free-style, 400 Metres free-style and 400 Metres Relay races.

In 1929 Mrs. Murrell, together with the Misses Joyce Cooper, Ellen King and Edith Mayne, who were her team-mates at the two Olympic Games referred to above, toured South Africa and Rhodesia, and during the four months that they were there figured in many exhibition events. They were accompanied by Miss Greenall, now head of the Dartford Physical Training College, as manager, on that occasion.

After that tour Mrs. Murrell gave up competitive swimming, although she has always maintained her interest in that form of sport.

Coach At King's

Masters and boys at King's College, who have been deprived of their swimming for some time, owing to improvements being made to the school bath, will be able to resume their activities in the near future, it being learned that work in this direction is now almost completed.

Mrs. Murrell, who is on the teaching staff of the College, will again coach the boys at swimming this Summer.

Last year, under her expert guidance, the boys made great strides and a distinct improvement was noticed in the standard of swimming at King's.

BROWNS' HITTING ANXIETY

If it isn't one thing, it's another with Manager Fred Haney and his unpredictable Browns, who were expected to be the dark horses of the American League.

Last year the team's pitching was sour.

This year Haney's hitters have gone back on him.

And the result is the same—the Browns are far behind in the race for the pennant.

Haney said he wasn't concerned because he still thought the Browns were a good club.

But, he added, "Of course, I'm unhappy."

"I can't kick about our pitching. It's all right. Good enough to win most of our games."

"But what can a pitcher do with a row of knot holes stacked against him?"

"How can we win with all our men stranded on base?"

Haney has tried everything, even benching slumping Rip Radcliff, who led the league in hitting most of last season. Slugger Walter Judnich is batting about .230. Harland Clift .270 and George McQuinn .290.

Dropped Four Straight

In one stretch the Browns dropped four straight by the margin of one run. In each game the club had men on base at strategic times, but hits in the clutch—the ones that win—were not forthcoming.

Haney feels that bad weather had much to do in frustrating his men at the plate.

The spring training tour wound up with one postponed game after another. The first week of the season the Browns played only twice because of inclement weather.

At this stage they have played fewer games than any other team in either league.

"We're a good club," Haney argued. "When we get the hitting ironed out we'll be back in the race."

"I don't know what to do except wait it out. The fellows whom I depended upon to come through day after day at the plate have fallen off the most."

"All I can say now is don't sell a good club short. Those boys are going to start hitting—I hope."

SYKES IN FINAL

L. Sykes reached the Final of European Y.M.C.A.'s billiards tournament last night when he beat S. Korn by 300 points to 210. He will now meet C. Champelovier.

GELLING AND WALLINGTON WIN BY EIGHT

IN THE ONLY GAME YESTERDAY IN THE COLONY LAWN BOWLS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP, J. H. GELLING AND H. G. WALLINGTON BEAT C. LANGLEY AND L. JORDAN BY 22 SHOTS TO 14 AT POLICE RECREATION CLUB.

Langley and Jordan scored a single at the first head and at the 12th were on level terms at 9-all. The Football Club pair then scored 2 1 4 2 1 which took the score to 19-9 at the 17th in their favour. A three at the next head brought the losers closer, but the Valley pair scored a single and a brace at the next heads to make sure of the game.

Langley and Jordan finished up with a two.

PAIRS MATCH POSTPONED

The Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship match between H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, holders of the title for the past two years, and A. Hyde-Lay and G. H. Sherriff, which was to have been played at Kowloon Football Club last evening, was postponed until to-morrow.

The Recreio pair, together with Hyde-Lay, were on the ground but for some reason Sherriff did not put in an appearance. Ribeiro and his partner agreed to a postponement.

No other games were played on the Kowloon side of the harbour though in most cases the greens were opened and club members had practice roll-ups.

SIX BOWLS MATCHES IN ONE DAY

A marathon bowls performance was given by J. Low, of Belmont, on the final day of the Hunter River district carnival at East Maitland, writes "Leader" in an Australian paper.

He played three singles and three fours matches, and was on the green from 10 a.m. until 8.15 p.m.

Low won the open singles, beating H. Guy (Lorn Park) in the final, 26 to 13. He scored threes on the first two ends and was never afterwards pressed. In the quarter-final he beat C. McNeill (Hamilton) by 16 to 7, and P. Rockliff (Lorn Park) in the semi-final by 15 to 11.

Third Singles Success

This was the third time Low had won the Hunter River open singles, and he almost scored the double. His Belmont team, which included T. Steel, S. Flowers and J. Fallins, was beaten in the fours final by T. Johnson, A. Taylor (West Maitland), C. McLaughlin (New Lambton) and F. Jones (West Maitland), by 22 to 20.

After being down 22-13, Low's team did all the scoring in the latter stages of the game. Low had his second win over Charlie McNeill, up 10-10, in the quarter-final of the fours.

Low has won the Country Week singles three times, but has never won a State title. He represented Australia in the Empire singles, played at Waverley in 1930.

The First Round Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship game between J. W. Leonard and W. Ward and R. P. Phillips and J. McKeivill will be played this afternoon on the Kowloon Football Club green.



Just what I needed!

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MINDANAO FAVOURED TO RETAIN LEAGUE PENNANT

Superiority Apparent At Present

H.B. PITCHING PROBLEM IS A VERY REAL ONE

By "Grandstand"

OLD MAN PLUVIUS DISHED OUT A SAMPLE OF HONG KONG'S LIQUID SUNSHINE DURING THE WEEK-END, AS THE BASEBALL SEASON HEADED SLAP-BANG INTO THE LOCAL FICKLE SUMMER WEATHER WHICH FLOODED OUT THE WEEKLY LEAGUE FIXTURES SCHEDULED FOR RAILWAY CORNER. UNDETERRED, HOWEVER, DAVE LEONARD'S BREWERS AND 'GRANDPA' LEUNG'S CHUNG HWA MAROONS TREKKED OUT TO THE CAROLINE HILL SANDS TO SATISFY THEIR BALL APPETITE WITH A PICK-UP GAME.

Now that the League is three weeks' old, the palpitating public is sort of curious to know what will happen in the next few months. Where will the pennant be flying from? Who will lead the batting and slugging figures? Who will be pitcher of the year? These, and many other similar questions are on the lips of all followers of baseball.

Well, most sports scribes, and I am no exception, will tell you "it's too early to say for certain." Incidentally, baseball is a game in which this particular phrase can be used 365 times a year, for the only time we can be sure of a game is after the third out in the last inning.

Consistency, both in offensive and defensive tactics is the main factor in deciding a team's overall strength, for it is useless for a team to be able to slug in those extra runs, if the other side can make more runs on their sloppy fielding.

The consensus of opinion is that it will be a two-way fight between U.S.S. Mindanao and Hong Kong Brewers, and this is where we make our start.

Besides being a leg up with their initial victory over the Brewers, Lou Powlowski's Mindanao merry-makers have the stronger hurling staff, with the Potent Polack himself at the head and Muddy Ruel to call on in the pinches. Even maskman Tony Mascavage can be called on for slab duties if the need arises.

On the other hand, Dave Leonard, Brewery brain-trust, admits that his battery of Madeen "Slim" Arculli and Obea Arculli is slowing up, but if Madeen, who has conceded eight hits in each of their two games, was to hang up his glove, who can be called on to perform mound duties for the boormen?

Leonard's Problem

It is true the Bam himself has a fast blazing one, but what about the Hot Corner? Anyway you look at it, the flinging staff is short-handed. There have been rumours in Beerville of acquiring a new battery, but at this late stage, when all managers have who they believe will turn out to be good players, pitchers are scarce.

Den Cray, recently released from South China, might have been a hope for the Brewers, but Cray has already been bagged by Hong Kong Baseballers. Nope, THE BREWERY OUTLOOK IS FAR FROM ROSY. Suppose Arculli is laid up with a sore arm for a critical game, or suppose George Souza et al are unable to get out of their batting slump, what then?

Although reserve strength is not lacking, the feeling behind the plate and around second base is not one of security. The mounting number of stolen bases and errors will tell in the long run.

Superior Battery

And what about U.S.S. Mindanao? They, undisturbedly, have the pitching

TO-DAY'S WATER POLO GAMES

Following is to-day's Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament programme:
AT THE ARMY POOL
Y.M.C.A. v. Royal Scots "A"
(7.15 p.m. Referee: L/Cpl. Dignan)
Navy "B" v. Signals
(7.45 p.m. Referee: R. Goldman)
Navy "C" v. Combined Small Units
(8.15 p.m. Referee: Lieut. Millar)
AT THE "Y" POOL
Navy "A" v. Middlesbrough "A"
(7.15 p.m. Referee: W. Colledge)
Middlesbrough "B" v. Royal Scots "B"
(7.45 p.m. Referee: L/Tal. Paul)
Bth Regt. R.A. v. R.A. Regt. R.A.
(8.15 p.m. Referee: Pte. Jennings)

advantage, whilst they have the up-to-date lead in the batting and slugging figures. In the fielding department, however, first-base is the weak spot, but, surprising enough, Rabid Robert Strahl has managed to hold the position in the clutches—with a couple of horse-shoes tucked away in his hip-pocket.

Of course, there is the ever-present possibility of Lady Luck taking a hand, and gumming up the works by breaking up the smooth-working team with one of those transfers to another ship. But, that's a different story.

Not many prophets will let go of the comforting tree trunk, and go out on a limb to predict a winner, especially at the beginning of the season, but if the Mindanao mace-maulers do not come through with the bunting, you can bet your last dime this corner will not be the only one to be wrong. There's that comforting thought.

U.S.S. Asheville-Tulsa combination isn't hard to dope, and third place is their best. If Tulsa were able to win all their games in the second round they would not win the pennant, because the inconsistent Asheville team would have lost too many games by the time they hand over the schedule to the Mighty "T".

Mohawks Depleted

The fourth, and not a shade better, will be Chuck Waggoner's Hong Kong Baseballers, whom he prefers to call Mohawks. With the loss of almost all their players from Stanleyville, Mohawks have been hard-hit, but if there is any talent in their reserves, the second line of defence of any team, mentor Waggoner will find it.

Royal Engineers, in their surprising win over the South China nine, displayed a brand of ball they never showed before, but the pitching is still a weak spot, and may call for help. Anyway, even if they do find the punch, they cannot hope to do better than fifth slot.

The Chung Hwa and South China Hitless Wonders are both cellar bound, but with Grandpa Leung's baseball school to draw material from, an improvement in the hitting department may lift them up to a possible tie with Sappers for fifth place.

In losing both their opening games, South China not only slammed the cellar door on themselves, but just about locked themselves in for good.

It's all a puzzle at Caroline Hill. After their impressive display in a friendly tilt, when they managed to hold the Mighty Mindanao to only a 4-1 score, scribes even doped them for a look in at the finish of the pennant scramble, but somehow all has not gone well, and they have never got a full turnout.

Probable Finish

To one man up a tree, this is how the teams will finish come September.
U.S.S. Mindanao; Hong Kong Brewers; U.S.S. Asheville/Tulsa; Hong Kong Baseballers; Royal Engineers; Chung Hwa; and South China.

Owing to the fact that four of the five grass tennis courts at Queen Mary Hospital are at present under repair, members of the staff have not been able to get in much tennis recently. It is, however, hoped to arrange matches with other Departments later in the season.

PENALTY FOR DRIVING?

Norman Hellard, one of the best-known Victorian bowlers and winner of the Melbourne Centenary singles in 1934, has written a series of articles which have been compiled in pamphlet form and distributed among Victorian clubs. Burwood Club, at its Easter carnival, practically banned driving. Only one dead-end was allowed during a game, and if a team repeated the performance a penalty of two points was imposed. This penalty was increased to three points for a third kill, four points for a fourth, and so on.

I have never been convinced of the justification for penalising any form of shot in bowls, writes "Leader" in an Australian paper. The idea comes from New Zealand, but there is little prospect of its becoming popular in Australia.

Hellard, on this subject, writes: "To regard the player who drives as a possible disciple of Larwood in a form of bowls 'bodyline' is a weak outlook on a game, which embodies the skill of rolling a bowl at any width, length or pace."

In one paragraph devoted to "Hints on Practice and Play," Hellard states: "By virtue of the more exacting timing necessary in the execution of the drive, I have found it the most difficult of all the shots, and practised accordingly."

H.K. SKATING CLUB STAGE FIRST EXHIBITION BEFORE CROWD OF 2,000

THE NEWLY-FORMED HONG KONG SKATING CLUB HELD ITS FIRST PUBLIC EXHIBITION AT CIRO SKATING RINK LAST NIGHT BEFORE A LARGE CROWD.

The programme was a varied and interesting one and gave ample evidence of the hard work and practice that the members had put in for the display.

Interspersed in the programme were several comical acts, most amusing of which was the bull fight. The "bull" slipped twice and had a hind and fore leg broken. The toreador (J. Drewery) also slipped and was gored.

Owing to spectators encroaching on the rink, the hockey match between Cyclones and the Club had to be postponed to prevent an accident.

Before the show Mr. R. B. Davier, chairman of the club, said that the objects of the club was to foster comradeship and good sportsmanship among skaters and to bring to the notice of all the benefits of skating. The night's exhibition was given to show what could be done with a little practice.

The success of the venture has prompted the club to hold another exhibition next month and it is understood that this will be in aid of B.W.O.F. and Chinese Charities. Over 2,000 attended last night.

Participants

Following members took part in the main items:—

Fancy Skating:—Miss Mabel Mack and G. Yao.

Comic Skating:—G. Yao and Shieh Tae-wae.

Mixed Trio Act:—Miss Susie Wong, Miss Mabel Mack and Wong Sze-hwa. Roller Stunts:—D. D. Nien, Chang Kao-yung, Mabel Mack, Yung Ping-hoi, Miss Colleen Leong, Wong Yung and Kwok Wong.

Acrobatic Skating:—Miss Linda Nip, S. W. Mok and Albert Lam.

Humorous Sketch: (The hawker and the old woman):—Yung Ping-hoi and Chang Ko-wing.

Bull Fight:—S. W. Mok and Chang Ko-wing (the bull), J. Drewery (the fighter).

The hockey match (on roller-skates) between Hong Kong Skating Association and Middlesex, which was to have been played to-morrow evening, has been postponed.

CRICKET STARTS AT 8 A.M.

University open their summer cricket season on Sunday, June 29, when they meet a team from Queen Mary Hospital at Pokfulam, commencing at 8 a.m. University have not yet decided on their team, owing to the Summer Vacation, but the following will represent the Hospital:—

Dr. H. L. Ozorio (Capt.), E. V. Hopkinson, A. Bentley, J. Skinner, Dr. D. J. Valentine, Dr. E. L. Gosano, J. F. McGowan, C. Haynes, Dr. Lule, Dr. C. W. Lam and Mahan Singh.

WOODMAN BEATEN ON POINTS

Jack Yams (Stepney) beat Ernie Woodman (Battersea) on points in the final elimination contest for the Southern Area cruiserweight championship at High Wycombe last night.—Reuter.

A ping-pong competition among members of Chinese Young Muslim Association is now in progress.

The Steel, Coulson, Billiards, Snooker and Darts Leagues, which have for many years been conducted during the Summer months, have been postponed till the Autumn.



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MOSCOW IN HIGH SPIRITS

Flushed by the first war communique issued by the Soviet High Command, declaring that the maximum penetration by the enemy was only nine miles, Moscovites went to work yesterday in high spirits.

The effect of the previous night's mobilisation order was seen yesterday when approaches to the main railway stations were crowded with parents and wives seeing off sons and husbands.

Many of these parents are former peasants who found work in the rapidly expanding Moscow and whose sons are now taxi-drivers, machine-gunners and pilots.

Many of these scenes were tearful as the Russians are an emotional people, but there was no doubt of the people's conviction of the strength of the Red army and air force.

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'Advance Units Thrown Back' Says Moscow

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

RUSSIA IS CALLING UP FIVE MILLION ADDITIONAL MEN TO STEM THE INVASION, AND IN 14 MILITARY DISTRICTS IN EUROPEAN RUSSIA, GENERAL MOBILISATION HAS BEEN ORDERED. IN MOSCOW BLACK-OUT PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS HAVE BEEN RUSHED TO ALL POSITIONS IN PUBLIC SQUARES AND BUILDINGS.

M. Molotov has appealed to workers and women to the effect that "the people must fight as one." He also revealed that German planes have struck more than 300 miles deep into Soviet territory, raiding Estonia, Zhitomir, Kiev and Sebastopol.

A communique states that "on the second day of fighting the invaders encountered the advance units of the Red army and the enemy were thrown back with heavy losses."

Workers are massing through-

out the whole the U.S.S.R. vowing determination to smash Germany and Fascism.

The people claimed close unity with the Bolshevik Party and their determination to rout the bandits.

There is absolute composure and confidence in ultimate victory and work goes on uninterruptedly.

German Claims

"Extremely heavy" air attacks on the major Russian submarine base, presumed to be Odessa, despite strong resistance, are reported by Berlin.

It is also stated that the port and units of the Russian navy were heavily bombed.

The German High Command stated that the Russian Air Force "paid heavily" for raids along the Prussian frontier and former Polish regions, and a total of 32 out of 35 Russian planes were shot down while a number of parachutists have been captured.

Finn "Neutrality"

RUSSIAN BOMBING OF FINNISH WARSHIPS AND MERCHANTMEN AND FINNISH ISLANDS IS REPORTED IN DISPATCHES FROM HELSINKI.

Foreign Embassies understand that Finland will protest to Moscow and give an indication of her plans to remain neutral in the Russo-German war.

The Swedish Government is exerting every effort to ensure her neutrality — International News Service.

CHUNGKING SUPPORTS RUSSIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Chungking press unanimously expresses great sympathy with the Soviet, especially the "Central Daily News," the official Government organ.

The paper blames Germany as the aggressor against Russia and expresses sympathy with the Soviet and confidence that she will win final victory.

The "Ta Kung Pao" shares the same opinion and warns Russia not to overlook her eastern front against Japan.

The "Hankow Herald" (now published in Chungking) says the German invasion will keep the Nazi war machine bogged down in Russia's vast territory, and will lead to the sure defeat of Germany. — International News Service.

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Forty-two cases of cholera with 22 deaths, 212 of tuberculosis with 135 deaths, 45 of dysentery with 20 deaths, 20 of enteric fever with 12 deaths, five of measles with two deaths, three of diphtheria with two deaths and one each of cerebro-spinal fever and typhus fever, were notified to the Health Authorities last week.

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